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### )BFE/ AS COUNCT CUTS BACK

SWALE council bosses have not ruled out redundancies in a budget report due later this month which is expected to spell out tough times ahead.

The crucial report is set to spell out how the local authority can bridge the expected shortfall in its budgets - and will send a chill down the spine of staff.

Swale council's head of finance David Buckett said the council is "looking at different value for money options" when asked about the possible job cuts.

The report reads: "The extent of savings required is significant, but must be achieved. It is estimated we need to save in the region of £1.5 million on an annual basis over the next three years.

"There may be staffing implications dependent on the choices made to bridge the gap. Suitable options will

#### BY **GARETH ARNOLD**

need to be considered in these cases." A decision on future staffing levels will be made clear in April.

In November last year, the council was forecasting a deficit in excess of £600,000, blamed on a poor settlement from the Government and the high cost of the national concessionary bus scheme.

In response, a specialist task force was set up in a desperate attempt to reduce the over-spend, and put the council finances back on track.

A detailed report from the task force suggesting ways of reigning in spending will be considered by the executive later this month.

In the meantime, an initial report has been presented, giving a taste of things to come.

A staffing moratorium is also being considered, with vacant posts left empty. Members have expressed concern at this, fearing posts left vacant could result in a drop in service.

Agency workers may be used to plug the gap, but many members are unhappy with the high turnover of staff dealing with sensitive information such as benefit claims.

Budgets for some council departments are to be slashed, with £50,000 of savings identified in transport, plus "at least" £100,000 from supplies and services. Other departmental budgets, designated as "softer targets" are also being considered.

Swale hope to raise an extra £93,000 through increased car parking charges.

Planning fees – another significant source of income for the council – are also expected to increase in line with **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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#### FEELING THE PINCH

THE budget problems facing Swale council are set to be brought into sharp contrast later this month amid growing fears from staff over a recruitment freeze and hints at job cutbacks. Meanwhile, the future of chief executive Mark Bilsborough is set to be resolved imminently as his disciplinary gets underway this week. FULL STORY - SEE PAGE 2

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### Finally, council chief will face disciplinary

#### ■ BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

TOP-earning Swale council executive Bilsborough's disciplinary hearing is expected to start tomorrow - more than a year after he was placed on fully paid 'gardening leave'.

Mr Bilsborough, who earns about £100,000 a year, will go before employment and discrimination law specialist John Bowers QC to answer complaints lodged against him in December 2006.

The expert will then rule on whether to bring Mr Bilsborough's short tenure at Swale council to

Mr Bilsborough, 47, who took charge of the council in January 2006, has been on paid leave from his position for 13 months, when criticisms were filed.

#### Ruling

An 'investigatory panel' finally met in August and voted in favour of appointing an independent expert to probe the case and make a ruling.

The council said it expected the disciplinary hearing to be complete by the end of the month.

Matthew Sinclair, policy analyst at the Taxpayers Alliance, hit out at the time it has taken for the case to reach this point.

He said: "Residents in Swale have seen their council tax rise year after year. They shouldn't be paying an enormous salary to a council official who isn't even in work.

"Too many times we've seen tax-payers footing the bill for lingering disciplinary proceedings that should be dealt with more quickly."

Council leader Andrew Bowles said he was "terribly frustrated" the process had taken so long.

He said: "It does take an inordinate amount of time to reach a resolution but if taxpayers were in that discipli-



**DISCIPLINARY HEARING:** Mark Bilsborough has been on full garden leave for a year at the cost of £100,000 waiting for his case to be heard

nary situation they would expect the same protection as laid down by Parliament."

Mr Bilsborough took charge of the council in January 2006, after working as strategy director at the Government Office for the South

Having paid Mr Bilsborough's full salary since December 2006 Swale council has warned council tax is set to rise even more in the next few

The council's corporate plan, which is due to be published at the end of this month, proposes a rise of 2.98 per cent for 2007/08 and an increase of "at least four per cent for subsequent years".

Mr Bilsborough replaced Chris Edwards as chief executive of the council after Mr Edwards informed the council he would not renew his second contract when it expired at the end of 2005.

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#### **Resources shared**

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Government guidelines, providing more money.

Other ways of earning – and saving extra cash are also being considered, including giving more responsibility to community trusts, and sharing resources with neighbouring councils.

Mr Buckett said: "We now run our building control service jointly with Medway and Gravesham, which is called South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership.

Other potential joint enterprises with Ashford and Maidstone are under consideration, but will require approval by councillors before they can proceed.

"All Kent local authorities signed up to the Kent Agreement, which is not just about saving money on services, but providing better, joined-up ones."

#### yourswale **NEWS** IN BRIEF

#### No butts, pay a fine

A MOTORIST was hit with a £100 fine after being spotted throwing a cigarette butt out of her car window.

Michelle Adamaszek, 21, of Periwinkle Close, Sittingbourne, was seen by a council enforcement officer, as she drove along the Staplehurst Link Road in March last year.

She failed to pay the £60 fixed penalty notice and ignored letters to her home leaving her with a £100 fine and ordered to pay costs of £150.

#### Mystical folk sounds

FOLK band Relig Oran are performing at the Bear Inn in Faversham next week.

The mystical four piece, who play contemporary folk influenced by Irish, English and French traditional music, will be giving the audience a taste of what is to come on their latest album, due out later this year.

The gig at the venue in Market Square takes place on Tuesday at 9pm.

#### Clean pooch prizes

RESPONSIBLE dog owners could scoop top prizes as part of the council's new anti-fouling campaign.

As part of the Caught Doing Right scheme, environmental response team officers will be on the look-out for residents who pick up their pet's mess during walkies.

Those seen helping to keep Swale's streets clean will be handed a ticket for a doggy-related raffle, with goods such as a year's supply of dog food up for grabs.

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### Fears as hate crime numbers keep increasing

### Police hunt latest homophobic attackers

REPORTED homophobic assaults in Mid Kent have more than doubled since 2003 as police appeal for information about the latest brutal attack in Faversham.

The figures obtained by Yourswale follow a homophobic assault in West Street which left a young man needing hospital treatment for head injuries.

Between December 2003 and November 2004 there was just one reported homophobic assault.

But that number has risen steadily with 21 attacks reported between 2006 and 2007.

But police have looked to play down fears there could be a worrying trend emerging.

Following the Stephen Lawrence enquiry, the law was changed in 2000, extending the number and scope of offences which qualified as hate crimes.

Chief Inspector Mark Chambers said: "Hate crime was less acknowledged as a specific crime until a few

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years ago, so the reporting was less frequently used.

"The relationship between the police and public has become a lot stronger, and there is more faith in the police now so these crimes are more likely to be reported.

"We put additional resources into homophobic crimes as well as hate crimes, as we take these type of offences particularly seriously.

The most recent attack happened about four doors down from the Mechanics Arms on Sunday, December 16.

The 18-year-old was walking down West Street at around 11pm when he was set upon by a man accompanied by two women.

The man approached him and punched him in the face, and continued to punch and kick the younger man after he fell to the floor, screaming homophobic abuse throughout the

The assault only ended after the victim was able to pull himself off the pavement and run away. He is recovering from head injuries and a swollen nose and lip.

Local people said they had seen the couple believed to be involved in the attack drinking in Faversham earlier in the day.

They went into the Mechanics Arms for just 15 minutes before leaving the pub and arguing as they walked off down the road

A local resident, who does not want to be named, said: "They were having some kind of domestic out in the street. The lad walked into it and the bloke punched him in the face."

Following the assault, the couple got into a taxi and were driven off. Police have been attempting to trace the assailants through local taxi firms, but so far no-one has been arrested.

Anyone with information regarding the attack, or the assailants should contact PC Philip Dring on 01795 419306 or contact Crimestoppers free on 0800 555 111. This call is confidential.



place close to the Mechanics Arms pub in West Street

#### Pub's drink rule

WETHERSPOONS has said it will refuse to serve people with children more than two alcoholic drinks after saying it was 'uncomfortable' about kids getting bored on its premises.

The Leading Light in Preston Street, Faversham, and The Summoner in Sittingbourne High Street are among the 683 Wetherspoon pubs throughout the UK who are imposing the new rule.

The two-drink rule goes for all adults in the party not just the child's parents.

A spokesman said adults may even be refused coffee and soft drinks to hasten their departure if they are responsible



### Schizophrenic jailed for drunken footy trial chaos

A DRUNK schizophrenic caused mayhem during football trials designed to find future stars for Championship club Charlton Athletic.

And when a black police officer arrived to arrest him he spat at him and hurled racist abuse.

Sittingbourne magistrates were told Stephen Major, 21, of Manor Grove, Sittingbourne was in Recreation Orchard  $\operatorname{Drive}$ Ground when the trouble started. Lorrayne Synmoir, prosecuting,

said Major became abusive when coaches wouldn't allow him to join the youngsters' training session.

They called the police and when they arrived he climbed a barbed wire fence and lay down in undergrowth refusing to move.

As the officer tried to grab him he was hit in the face and was then given a racist verbal battering by Major. Then he spat at the

Major kept shouting and swearing at the officer in a fake West Indian accent before he was physically restrained.

He admitted being 'smashed' but couldn't remember what he had done when later questioned.

Major admitted assault and threatening behaviour aggravated by using racist words.

Alan Balneaves, defending, said Major had a schizophrenic personality due to smoking skunk, a concentrated form of cannabis, since he was 12.

His record was littered with bouts of threatening behaviour and assault.

Mr Balneaves said: "There is no doubt that skunk is mind altering and has made him feel paranoid.

"When he feels paranoid he has the urge to drink. He saw his old football coach and tried to join in but these young boys were having trials for Charlton and it was serious - it wasn't a kick-about.

"The abuse towards the PC was disgusting and shouldn't be toler-

Major was jailed for five months on both offences.

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### Fireman climbs rungs of success

A LONG-serving firefighter has risen through the ranks to become temporary area manager for the county's east division.

Brave Andy Merriman, who served in Faversham during his 25 years with Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS), takes over its largest geographical area, overseeing 22 fire stations and more than 500 staff.

Mr Merriman, 44, who lives in Sittingbourne with wife Sarah and five-year-old daughter Madeleine, said: "I'm delighted to have this opportunity, KFRS has been rated an excellent authority and we have established relationships in the area with agencies and partners, which I will be looking to build on for the future.

"The recent tragic deaths of firefighters in Warwickshire have demonstrated how dangerous our job can be and we will look to make sure our firefighters receive the full benefit of the extra funds to be invested in our live fire training facilities."

### Drop in for advice on hearing aids

FREE hearing aid maintenance is available at a drop-in clinic run by charity Hi Kent.

It works with the deaf and hard-ofhearing community throughout the county, and is running another of its popular drop-in clinics for hearing aid users at its Canterbury centre at 46 Northgate.

People with NHS hearing aids can drop in and get their hearing aids serviced.

They can also get free advice and demonstrations of Hi Kent's range of equipment, including special door entry systems, smoke alarms, telephones, conversation aids and television listening devices. The next drop-in session will be held on Friday, January 18 from 10am to 1pm.





### **ZOO PROPOSAL IS PURR-FECT**

WHEN Kelly Carr was given a Christmas present by her long-time boyfriend to be a keeper for a day at wild animal park Howletts, she got more than she imagined.

Because while she was in the tiger enclosure at the Bekesbourne park, beau Stuart Janes surprised her by getting down on one knee and popping the question.

Miss Carr, 29, from Maidstone, was being shown the big cat enclosure by keeper Jim Vassey – star of BBC show Roar. But she was purring with delight when her boyfriend arrived to take photographs – and propose marriage.

A stunned, but delighted, Miss Carr said: "Just experiencing being keeper for the day was the most incredible thing I have ever done and then for Stuart to propose to me made it the most amazing day. We really appreciate Jim and the Howletts staff keeping the secret and making the day so special for us."

The happy couple now intend to wed in Italy later this year.

### Leukaemia sufferer Ellie is a little star

IT'S A New Year and a new lease of life for a school girl who has survived more than two years of gruelling cancer treatment

Ellie Slater, seven, has been given a Cancer Research UK Little Star Award for continuing to shine despite her illness, and after long years of treatment, is finally in remission and feeling fit and healthy.

Her mum Michelle, of Somme Court, Canterbury, said: "You wouldn't believe the difference between how she was two years ago and the little girl we have today – it's amazing." Ellie was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic

leukaemia in February 2004.

Mrs Slater explained: "We noticed Ellie wasn't really eating properly – she hadn't eaten a hot meal for a fortnight. I made her an appointment at the doctor and the night before we were due to go, she developed a rash on the bottom of her legs.

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"My first thought was meningitis so I did the glass test and could see it wasn't that. When we got to the doctor's they took one look at the rash and put us in an ambulance to hospital."

The family was living in Shropshire at the time and were taken to Telford Hospital.

Mrs Slater said: "At the hospital they tested for all sorts of things. Leukaemia was one of them but it wasn't at the top of the list. However, they came back that evening and said they suspected that's what it was."

The next two years were a blur of trips to Birmingham and Shrewsbury hospitals for further treatments and appointments.

Ellie's dad Jason, currently serving with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, got a posting back to Canterbury so they could be near Michelle's family for support. Ellie's treatment

was also moved to Great Ormond Street and the QEQM Hospital in Margate.

However, she finished her treatment in May last year and is now in remission and feeling strong and healthy.

Her mother said: "She is absolutely brilliant now. At one point, Ellie was completely bald, lost all her energy and her life revolved around doctors and nurses.

"Now she is happy and healthy and back to being a child again.

"As much as doctors and nurses try and talk to the children in ways they understand, the children end up coming up to their level and becoming little adults. Now Ellie has begun to learn how to be a child again and it's lovely to see."

Proud family friend Joy Mendez, who nominated Ellie, said: "She has been through some tough times and has dealt with her illness far better than a lot of adults would have done.

"She is an absolute delight to know and has a special place in my, and her family's heart."





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# Tiny collection was one to watch at top auction

THEY are just a few centimetres long and collected over two generations.

But when they went under the hammer at a top London auction house last month they more than doubled their estimate and brought a mighty piece of New Year good cheer to their owner.

Because a large collection of the tiny watch keys – each averaging just a little over an inch in length, pictured below – made a whopping £9,240 at Bonhams' Fine Watch sale in London.

And for the mystery collector who lives near Canterbury, the good news didn't end there.

A very rare Swiss pocket watch, engraved with the Egyptian Khedival crown, sold for a staggering £6,580.

The collection was originally discovered during a fundraising valuation day for the

#### BY **CHRIS BRITCHER**

National Trust, at Smallhythe Place, in Tenterden, near Ashford, last year.

Bonhams' regional valuer from Whitstable, Christopher Hodgson, describes how he came across the collection: "Smallhythe is a super venue and we always get some interesting finds. We'd already had a good day and then the watch keys came in, which were a real delight.

#### Hoof

"They are miniature works of art in their own right, many made from gold with the addition of semi-precious stones and lots of quirky designs, including one which looked like an early gun and another one in the form of a horses hoof."

The watch keys, which dated from the 17th century onwards, would have originally been

sold as a gentleman's luxury accessory.

James Stratton, a specialist from Bonhams' clocks and watches department in London, says: "As well as being very attractive objects some of these keys were rather cleverly designed – the innovative 'typsy' key for instance, has a special safety mechanism which only allows you to turn the key in one direction, which prevents you from breaking your prized pocket watch."

The woman who had the collection has not been identified, however, it is understood she inherited many of the items from her mother who had been gathering the collection over many years.

Mr Hodgson told us: "The keys sold in two lots, both with estimates of between £2,000-3,000 – so clearly they far exceeded that. It is very rare to see such a large collection."

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### Wall worries over town's museum

A WALL near Herne Bay Museum is to be repaired at a cost of £5.000.

At a recent executive meeting of the city council, members expressed surprise at the cost, and asked whether the work could be carried out by people on community service.

It is hoped the repairs will improve the building until a new one can be erected.

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#### **UNLOCKING A FORTUNE**

THEY may be small, but they pack a pricey punch. These are the tiny watch keys which sold at Bonhams recently.

James Stratton, a specialist from the London auction house, said: "In the 18th and 19th centuries, pocket watches were sold with fairly basic steel keys and these ornate keys would have been bought as an additional accessory by fashionable gentlemen. Later the keys became collectors' objects in their own right."

### Kids will dig historic lessons

GENUINE archaeological treasures will be available to the district's school children this year thanks to a new service introduced by Canterbury Archaeological Trust.

Three hundred boxes of original artefacts, replicas, models and ephemera ranging from prehistoric tools to WWII gas masks and ration books, will be available on loan to all the county's independent infant, junior and secondary schools; nearly 800 in total.

Canterbury Archaeological Trust education officer Marion Green, said: "The collection is very varied and includes finds from archaeological digs, Anglo-Saxon and Viking helmets; toys from the early 20th century; and really interesting ephemera from the World Wars.

"Among the models are Viking and medieval ships, a Norman castle, a medieval house, a Roman dining room, WW2 aeroplanes and the Columbia space shuttle."

Funded by both the Kent Archaeological Society and the Friends of Canterbury Archaeological Trust, members say the service is a response to the growing interest in archaeology among young people and will make practical use of thousands of items that have been inherited by the trust.

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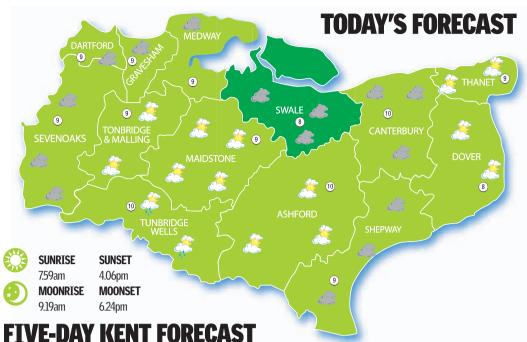
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NEWS IN BRIEF

### Police release internet guidelines for parents

RESIDENTS who splashed out on new PCs and laptops for their children during the Christmas season are being reminded to be safety and security conscious.

With more youngsters than ever across the county expected to be logging on to the internet this year, Kent police has released a list of guidelines to parents in a bid to keep them safe from harm.

Youth crime reduction officer PC Martin Carter said: "Although children mostly use computers when they are securely inside their own homes, we have to remember the virtual world is completely open to them and can pose all sorts of risks if precautions are not taken.

"We want to remind parents and guardians to keep an eye on what their children are doing and to ensure they are safe while they have fun on their computers."

Pointers include knowing what your children are doing online and who they are talking to, warning them not to give out personal details to online friends, not to reply to spam e-mails and never to communicate online with a stranger.

PC Carter said: "While most people are online for the same reasons – to have fun and to learn – it's important to safeguard against the minority of people who use it for dishonest means.

"Precautions can be taken easily and by everybody."

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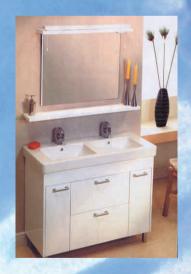
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#### Now did you get involved with the alcohol service?

I joined the alcohol service in 1979 having worked as a mental health nurse in general psychiatry. I'd become interested in treatment approaches at Mount Zeehan in Canterbury and learned that working with problem drinkers was rewarding and productive.

#### ■ What is the role of the alcohol service?

The service has two functions. Firstly, it provides services to those affected by the use of alcohol and those who suffer the consequences of drinking by others. The second role is to provide support, training and advice to professionals who deal with alcohol misuse such as doctors, social workers, and probation officers.

#### Mhat do you provide?

We provide a range of services throughout east Kent, including different types of group treatment, individual help and help for families. We are able to accept self-referrals to the service and help is free and confidential. The main aim is to help people to help themselves.

#### Is there a problem with alcohol in Kent?

A recent study showed that levels of alcohol consumption in Kent are relatively high compared with other parts of England.

Alcohol problems occur across the country

and have powerful consequences both for society and the individual. We have a national problem with alcohol and this is reflected as much in Kent as any other part of England.

#### Have you seen an increase in alcohol addiction in Kent?

The numbers who seek and are referred for help have never been higher. The rise in demand for treatment exceeds growth in the population; more people are seeking help for drinking problems than in previous years.

Much of the problematic alcohol use remains hidden and cannot be measured accurately in terms of the number of people approaching specialist agencies for help. Alcohol is cheaper and more widely available and we know people are drinking heavily at younger ages. It seems likely the number of people with alcohol problems in Kent will continue to increase.

#### What advice can you give to people who are worried about their drinking habits?

It's important to recognise alcohol problems can be solved with or without specialist help. There are many things which people can do to reduce their consumption, such as keeping a record of consumption and trying to reduce this, and talking to someone who is trusted. If people are concerned they cannot reduce their consumption, it is easy to get help.

The staff at the alcohol service can give advice. Although some people find they will need to stop drinking completely, many others can reduce their consumption to levels which are no longer problematic, though it can be a good idea to have a few weeks without alcohol.

#### Mhat can friends and family do to help?

It can be very stressful to be around someone who is drinking too much, but friends and family should try to be honest with the person who is drinking by expressing their concerns and offering to help where they can.

It is important not to take responsibility away from the individual drinker and to recognise that each individual must make their own choices. It is seldom a good idea to discuss such matters when someone is actually drunk.

#### Do you have any advice for people who may be concerned about their drinking over the recent festive period?

A For many people, alcohol will have formed part of their celebrations with no lasting difficulties. Some people drink more during the festive period than normal and simple measures such as alternating with non-alcoholic drinks, not drinking on an empty stomach and not drinking too early in the day can help.

If people did over-indulge it is a good idea to follow this with a period of reduced drinking, or not drinking at all, to allow the body to recover.

A good piece of general advice is to check that alcohol is being used to enhance celebrations, rather than using the celebrations as an excuse for increased drinking.

 The Kent & Medway Alcohol Service can be contacted by telephoning 01227 761310

Bill Reading, head of Kent and Medway Alcohol Services, talks to **Rob Livingstone** about Kent's increasing problem with alcohol, and what can be done to assuage it, as well as explaining where to turn for help





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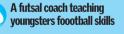


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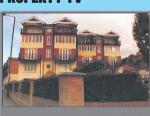


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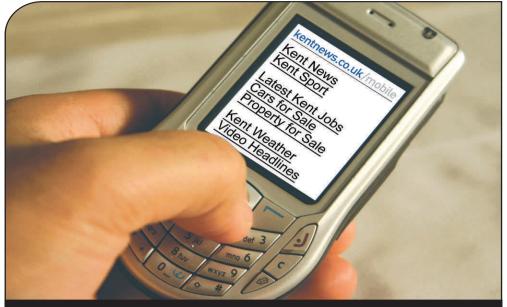
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### Feel GR8 in 2008

IT'S the nation's biggest hang up in the New Year – just how do I lose all those extra Christmas pounds?

Most of us hit the gym or begin a rigorous exercise regime.

However that effort could end in disaster if wannabe fitness fanatics don't look after themselves before they start to sweat.

That's the warning from a top Kent physiotherapist, who is urging all New Year gym users to adopt her GR8 stretch plan to help them avoid injuries and get fitter.

Chartered physiotherapist Alison Boorer has adapted an eight point stretch plan for anyone hoping to battle the bulge or up their fitness levels in the next few weeks.

Alison recommends the moves to anyone of any age, male or female, who is throwing themselves into a new fitness regime.

The five minute routine, which loosens key muscles in the body, is easily understood and can be followed from the quick guide pictured.

Alison, who runs the Bromley Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic in Sundridge Park, is rolling out the plan across the county from next week.

She admitted: "It's fantastic that we really get motivated in January to get fit. However it's all too easy to throw yourself in too hard and fast, and then hurt yourself.

"I have developed this plan to help many of

my patients ease their muscles and joints into the demands of a new exercise regime.

"These stretches can be performed both before and after exercise sessions.

"Some of my patients actually stretch themselves fitter and many have noticed a real difference in their fatigue levels and muscle pain after workouts.

"With each stretch taking just 30 seconds, this is as valuable as your workout."

Alison recommends that all wannabe David Beckhams or Paula Radcliffes prepare for their fitness assault with these few easy steps.

She adds: "By taking a few simple steps to prepare for any new activity, any grumbling injuries can be resolved or avoided all togeth-

"This means less people give up at the first hurdle and are able to achieve their fitness goals in 2008.

"Other key pointers I recommend are starting out slowly to give you time to adapt to the new experience, make sure you have the correct footwear on and drink plenty of water as dehydration increases the chance of injury."

Boorer added: "These eight basic stretches can be more specific to suit your particular sport by consulting your local chartered physio."

For more details about the GR8 plan contact Alison at her clinic at info@bromley physio.co.uk, or see bromleyphysio.co.uk.



as left, with feet pointing forwards and heels on the floor. Bend the front knee and straighten the back knee. You should feel the stretch in the calf of the back leg.

1. Standing



2. Lying on your front, bend your knee and keep hold of the ankle. Gently bring the heel towards your bottom. Your should feel the stretch down the front of the thigh.



3. Lying on your back, bend the hip and the knee of the leg to be stretched. Gently straighten the knee until a stretch is felt down the back of the thigh.



4. Place your foot on a block, or a step. Keeping your back, and back leg straight, take your weight forward over the toes of the front foot. You should begin to feel a stretch in buttock of the front leg. If not use a slightly higher block/step.



together, and grasp both ankles.
Keeping your back straight, gently lean forwards and you should begin to feel a stretch in the inside of your thighs.



6. Stand up straight with your hands grasped behind your back. Push your chest forwards, and squeeze your shoulder blades together so that your shoulders are pulled backwards. You should feel a stretch across the upper chest and shoulders.

7. Kneel on all fours. Keeping your hands on the floor infront of you, slowly sit back onto your heels, as shown below. You should feel a stretch throughout your back.





8. Lie on your back, with your hips and knees bent allowing your feet to sit flat on the floor. Keeping your shoulders flat on the floor gently drop your knees drop over to the left, if comfortable down to the floor, and then back over to the right. Hold each position for about 20 seconds.

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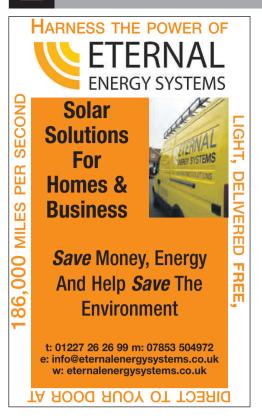
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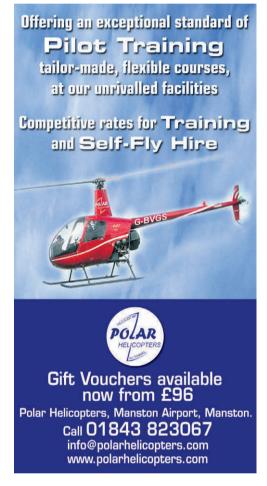
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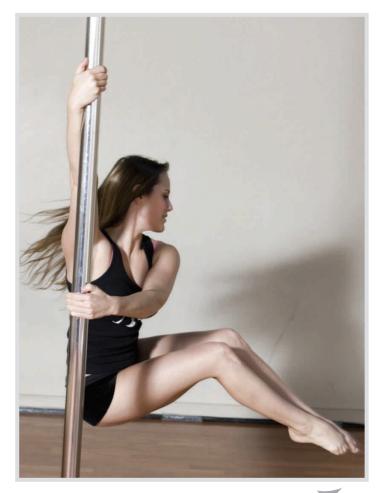
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Hi, I'm Lisa, 30, blonde hair, attractive,
love country walks. restaurants. socialis-

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male, for friendship and more. Box

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Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 52°, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30.40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 •

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Susan, 33, long hair, hazel eyes, tanned, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 429879 • SWEET CAROLINE

Caroline, 32, 5ft10, brown hair, likes going out, having fun, cinema, seeks outgoing male for friendship and more. outgoing male for fri Box 430833 **① ②** 

CANTERBURY TALE
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box

AFRICAN ADVENTURE

African adventure
African lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128 ①

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?

36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more Rainham Box 434374 1

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Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 ①
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Cute, single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

possibly romance. Box 897983

COULD IT BE MAGIC? Single mum of 2, 37, caring and loving, 5ft4, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys most things in life. Box 898868

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36yr old nurse, enjoys fun and laughter, travel, nights in/out, music, dancing, reading, theatre. Seeking man for company, maybe more. East Kent Box 912176 **① ② NEW TO THE AREA** 

Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate Box 433539

MISSING MALE COMPANY

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Chatty female, 36, 5'4", single mum,
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having fun, seeks male, for fun nights
out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889

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SECURE FUTURE Honest, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364 **① ②** YOUNG-AT-HEART

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39yr old single mum, own house, 5'7", brown hair, seeking a kind-hearted mar for companionship. Box 433637

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Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large
build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for at houghtful male to share good
things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL Bubbly 40yr old male, enjoy beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTM like-minded, caring male to share fun times. Box 435102 **NEVER SAY NEVER** 

Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

who values TLC. Box 414156 **①**FOOTBALL FANATIC

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5f110, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **①** ②

SMOOTH MOVE

Kind, caring, genuine person, 43, love music, outdoors, good conversations, looking for friendship initially and maybe more. Box 898448 **②** ②

READ ALL ABOUT IT

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Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde
hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach
walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things
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WHERE R U?
Sincere, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 
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NICE AND LOVING 44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448 **€** 

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to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511

KNOW HOW TO TREAT A LADY? Blonde, attractive female, 46, 5ft4, slim, GSOH, seeking good-looking, slim, kind, trendy male, 35-45, with a GSOH, and fantastic personality. Sheerness. Box

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Sincerity, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956

Maidstone area. Box 156956 U STIMULATING COMPANY
Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 U ALL THAT I NEED

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Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTM compati-ble male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 **①** 

SHE'S THE ONE!

Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests Box 435088 ©

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Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH,
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seeks sincere and loving male between

48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 

FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes
music, books, films, cooking, looking for
romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent.
Box 835181 

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Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive

Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

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LOVE IS IN THE HAIR!
Sue, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904 ⊕
LOVE TRAIN
Young-looking 51yr old woman, seeking a kind, genuine man, 48-51, for flun and friendship/romance. Box 432406 ⊕
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Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 ①

INDEPENDENT WOMAN Bright, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde, recently divorced, home and car, enjoy cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for companionship/friendship. Box 419966

companionship/friendship. Box 419966 10
LAST CHANCE?
Levely, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTM genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship.
Faversham. Box 399271 10
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Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTM sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 10
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Modern, professional, classy, loyal female, early 50s, 5'4", blonde, medium build, enjoys countryside, WLTM gent, 45-58, smart appearance, for friendship,

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Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901 SAVING ALL MY LOVE

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Happy, contented solvent lady, 59, N/S. living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 897822 0

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Cuddly, loving lady, 64, who loves nice
conversations, staying in, wining/dining,
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nice, friendly, who likes eating out, estaurants, holidays, for company. Box CONVERSATION

CONVERSATION

& COMPANIONSHIP

Widow, 69, looking for a nice, kind, caring man, to be a companion. I've got blue eyes, brown hair and I'm in a wheel chair. Box 431529

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LOVE TO LAUGH Loving, young 25yr old female with a kind heart and passion for life, short hair, blue eyes, like music, socialising seeks a like-minded female. Box 431117

WRITTEN IN THE STARS Capricom female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sports, reading, WLTM someone in Maidstone area. Box 434547



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YOUNG, FREE AND SINGLE Easygoing 18 year old guy, 5ft10, loves partying, social drinks, seeking an easygoing female, to get on with, perhaps in a relationship Box 434781

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Michael, 29, 5tl8, grey eyes, short hair, enjoys pubs, clubs, eating out, days out, seeks caring, honest, reliable woman for friendship and more. Box 434996 ♥
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31 year old male, 6ft1, dark hair, blue eyes, loves pubs, clubs, restaurants, all ypes of music, and having a good time Box 898019 0

MARGATE MAN MARGATE MAN
Single male, 32, easygoing, 6ft2, dark
hair/blue eyes. Looking for female, 2234, who likes to have fun, for friendship,
possibly relationship. Box 431481 

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?

Loving male, 33, 6ft, fair hair/blue eyes, slim. I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 428767 • •

THE GOOD LIFE

34yr old young looking, shy at first male, 5'9', medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061

**GUITAR HERO!** Tall male, 36, short dark hair, good looking, medium/muscular build, likes play ing guitar, fishing, crosswords, seeking female, up to 36, size 16+, for fun, friendship, more. Rochester/Kent. Box 435011

435011 THE BRING ME SUNSHINE
Friendly male, 36 years old, 6ft2, dark hair, likes running. Divorced dad of 2, seeks someone special Box 434712 THE WHAT CONSTRUCTION OF MATTER WHAT

36yr old male, 36, 6ft5, medium/muscular, shoulder-length dark hair, brown eves, hobbies include weight training, keeping fit, have daughter, seeking medium/large lady. Box 431236

A NICE GENTLEMAN
36yr old genuine, friendly, cuddly male,
65°, large build, love movies, eating out,
looking for a like-minded, loving and
lively personality. Box 435113 
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Good-looking male 35, 5'8", no ties,
enjoys pubs, restaurants, holidays,
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petitle female, to share good times with.
Ashford Box 198029 

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Jason, 38, 5ft8, likes meals out, pubs,
cipma cycling seeks penuing female.

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A CERTAIN SMILE
Peter, 38, 5ft11, slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 425364 **②**A SPARKLE
Hi, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 57", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTM an outdooring female for good times Box.

an outgoing female for good times. Box

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Thoughtful male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, look-

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FUNLOVING AND EASYGOING 
Great guy, young looking 42, no ties. I'm 
517, stocky build, fit, short hair/hazel 
eyes, been called hardsomel I'm sporty, 
a non-smoker and enjoy holidays. Box 
431226 
BIG DEAL IN DEAL 
Warm tactile male. 42, 6ft, likes socialis-

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ing to more. Box 388967 ON YOUR MARKS... ON YOUR MARKS...
Tall, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, GSOH, for LTR. Ashford. Box 430121 €

Ashford. Box 430121 
STARTING OVER

Divorced male, 45, 5ft1, brown hair, medium build, likes pubs, clubs, swimning, football, seeks sociable woman for something special. Box 435091 
SOCIABLE SORT

Allan, 46, 6ft, brown hair, GSOH, likes going out, football, keeping fit, seeks sporty female for friendship and more. Box 434948 
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Genuine, happy-go-lucky male, 46, 5'9",
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share happy moments. Box 434735 €
LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL
Active male, 47, 6t4, dark hair, blue
eyes, medium build, loves playing rugby,
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family, seeking a tall, positive, happy,
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YOUNG AT 50!
Young-at-heart male, 47, enjoy my work

Young-at-heart male, 47, enjoy my work & keeping fit, looking for affectionate

woman for romance. Box 434688 IN YOUR EYES

IN YOUR EYES
Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys
socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford,
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SOMEONE TO LOVE
Good-looking male, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for
friendship and love with honest, easyoing female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 898446
HAPPY DAYS

HAPPY DAYS Non-smoking male, affectionate, tactile, GSOH, easy to please! I'm 48, 6ft, dark hair/blue eyes, medium build. Box

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Young looking, romantic male, 58, 5'7", slim/medium build, like the countryside, meals out, theatre, cinema, looking for a affectionate, tactile lady to share good

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Open-minded guy, 50s, attractive,
GSOH, likes clubs/pubs, dining out, own
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a GSOH. Folkestone. Box 433274 U a GSOH. Folkestone. Box 433274 **⊕ ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE**Happy chap, 53, 5ff5, medium build, likes most things in life, dancing, gardening, travel, seeking someone to share good times with. Margate. Box 426782

A GREAT CATCH
Sensitive, loyal, attentive, playful male,
51, enjoys gym, live music, cinema,
meals out, walks, conversation, WLTM
female, 45-65 for trust, friendship, possibly more. Whistable. Box 181246 
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MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
Thoughtful, considerate male, 54, looking for medium build, romantic woman,
40-60, for friendship and romance. Box
435144

SHARE LIFE

Chris, 54, wide variety of interests some unusual, like to go out and about, would be great to have someone special Box 434764 1 CAN WE MEET? CAN WE MEET?
Friendly male, 54, easygoing, slim, seeking a caring female for good company. I have varied interests: gardening, dancing, going out etc. Ashford. Box 434845

434845 WORD FOR WORD

55yr old reliable and understanding male, athletic build, GSOH, enjoy the finer things in life, seeking a lady to share my life with and companionship. Box 434674 The seeking the with and companionship.

Share my lie with and companionship. Box 434674 

WINE AND DINE?

II, I'm Andy, 54, 51'0', like holidays, drives out, music, meals out, looking for a kind-hearted lady to share interests with, leading to more. Box 429343 

ON GUARD

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Gary, 55 years old, 6'3", large build, ex doorman, solvent, looking for someone to love and to have fun times with. Box 900009 

FREWHEELIN'

Well-presented male, 55, 6', blue eyes,

Well-presented male, 55, 6', blue eyes, salt and pepper hair, loves cycling, picnics, dancing, cooking, WLTM lady to settle down with. Margate area. Box

Canterbury man, 58, GSOH, hurt in the past, needs TLC, for friendship/relationship. I like meals in/out. Box 426226 ① GAME ON Ted, 59, 5ft5, brown hair, likes karaoke,

380773 **① ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES** 

Ted, 59, 5tts, prown trait, lines raidule eating out, walking, cooking, seeks tac tile, honest woman for friendship and nore. Box 434667 **①** 

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BONJOUR

Young 61 year old, fit, healthy, 5ft9, medium build, GSOH, solvent, loves France, likes gardening, cooking, waldrinks in/out, good company, DIY, seeking attractive female Box 434814 
HARD-WORKING

Honest, reliable, male, 59, 5'9", medium build, likes cooking, tavel, country/pop music, animals, pubs, cooking, seeks sincere, reliable lady, 47-53, slim/medium build, NYs, for friendship/LTR. Box 389688 

LOVE SUNNY HOLIDAYS

Widower, 72 years old, very young and

Widower, 72 years old, very young and active for age, very honest and caring, romantic, looking for an active companion, who enjoys holidays, eating in/out Box 434875

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ALWAYS TRUTHFUL

Charlie, 21 years old, 6ft, brown
hair/eyes, lives in Sittingbourne, looking
for a kind-hearted, honest male. Box
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SATURDAY NIGHT
AT THE MOVIES?
I'm Paul, 40, genuine, down-2-earth,
59°, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, average build, likes movies, DIV, theatre,
keeping fit, travelling, looking for young
male, non-smoker. Box 423252 © ©

RECIPE OF LOVE

41-year-old male, likes eating in/out,
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I have never liked this time of year because of the inevitable disappointment it brings.

So much hope is invested in one tick of the clock as another year arrives with undue haste. But you soon realise that time doesn't necessarily play along with your hopes and dreams or even care. The year looms in front of you like a huge empty bucket of possibilities.

The worst thing about New Year is it's one of those times when you're expected to have a good time. It's like the whole nation has been entered into a knobbly knees competition at Butlin's and wants to be splattered with custard pies while joining a 55 million people-long conga.

Even when you think it might lead to worldwide disaster it disappoints. When the new century was due we were all warned about the terrible consequences of the Millennium Bug. Planes would fall from the sky, nuclear missiles launch by themselves, and the tills stop working at Tesco. It was billed as the end of the modern world as we knew it. But even that was a damp squib. I thought it would be like the Day of the Triffids or 28 Days Later; we'd wake up to a silent world and start to have to hunt for antelope again.

In fact the millennium was one of my most miserable new years ever. Perhaps because we all thought the end was nigh, my friends and I decided to camp out on a field and build a man made of straw that we would sacrifice to the gods through the element of fire. Unfortunately, as the day went by and the drizzle persisted, our great totem to the gods got damp and as the final second of 1999 passed into the New Year it would not light. In the end we were forced to throw petrol over the damn thing – looking back it's amazing we did not all end up charred.

To make matters worse, my friend, who had been watching far too much Ray Mears on the telly, thought this would be the ideal time to try out his technique of cooking chicken in a hole in the ground by placing it on top of hot rocks from the fire and wrapping it in banana leaves. Where he got banana leaves from in Kent in December I don't know. It may work for Ray in some Pacific isle, but in a cold December in the UK unless your rocks are made of uranium you're not going to cook anything. So we were wet, cold and forced to chew on part boiled chicken breast. Thank God we had the whisky.

I have even been at Sydney Harbour Bridge as the gongs have chimed and watched the fireworks of which they are so proud. I couldn't see a thing thanks to the lanky Aussie buffoons in front of me.

"We do the best New Year on the planet, mate," they would say to me. Well, I am sorry, that may be their idea of culture but here in the UK we have the Sugababes on the box and haggis. I wonder how much an Easyjet flight to Antarctica for New Year 2009 is?

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#### **TALK TIME**

#### NICK GOSSETT

The new Detective Chief Inspector for Mid Kent Police outlines his role in Swale policing and his plans for the future.



#### What does your job entail and what are your favourite

The main part of my job is the management of crime related matters across the area.

One of the things it could mean is acting as a Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) on serious investigations to ensure everything is being done correctly and ultimately the crime is solved and someone brought to justice.

In terms of my favourite aspects of the job, I like talking to people. It's part of why I joined the police.

It's good to be able to walk down the street and pass the time of day with people.

It's surprising what you learn and every interaction leaves an impression.

My least favourite is delivering bad news. You never get used to it and anyone who says you do is not telling the truth.

#### What qualifications/skills are needed to get into your job?

You require national qualifications and experience.

I've worked in one of the busiest areas in the county and gained a great deal of experience in many different aspects of policing and management.

I have also been to university and gained a post-graduate management qualification.

#### What have you got planned for Swale?

I want to work with the community to reduce crime further and improve the quality of life for people living in the area.

It's all about building lasting relationships that will be beneficial to everyone.

This won't happen over night but I strongly believe the time is right and that communities want to make a difference – it's about embracing that and working together.

#### **YOUR LETTERS**

### Saving this fine old countryside skill

I really enjoyed watching the three films on Yourkenttv.co.uk about the old art of hedge laying. It is good to see the old tradition still exists and the benefits to wildlife are clear to any landowner.

Well done to everyone who has taken part and I hope more people show an interest too, especially people like myself who are young enough to pass on the tradition and expertise.

Charlie Symes By email

Editor's Reply: Readers can see the video at our online television channel Yourkenttv.co.uk.

### Pay your taxes, just don't expect help

A friend's wife has very bad multiple sclerosis, so much so she cannot walk. He will most probably have to finish work to become her carer.

As someone who has worked since he left school 35 years ago, he has paid his National Insurance and taxes without fail with little or no complaint.

His wife needs a lift for the bedroom, invalid toilet and shower facilities. Now, as someone who paid into an insurance scheme all his life you would think he and his wife would be entitled to this free of charge? Oh no, he is going to be means tested.

This is where they have a look how much money he has in the bank, what property he owns and then they decide how much help he will get.

In his case, very little. He has estimated he will have to get an

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extra mortgage of £300 per month on what he is now paying to cover the extra facilities. Couple this with the fact that when he has to quit his job his income will fall by 50 per cent,

and future is not very rosy.

Now compare his plight with someone who may live a few streets away in a similar position.

This family only worked inter-

mittently over the last 40 years, when then they did have money they spent it on fags, booze, drugs and expensive holidays, they always rented.

Now they have nothing and everything is given to them free, even their rent and council tax is paid for. So my friend has been frugal with his money and saved for a rainy day and this is how our government reward him.

If he was paying into a private insurance scheme would they be allowed to pick and choose who to pay out on.

Imagine the following, "sorry Mr Smith, you have paid tens of thousands of pounds into our insurance, but because you earn too much money we will not pay out, instead your money will go to the shareholders".

If that happened there would be a national outcry, yet every day this government insurance scheme uses means testing.

On top of all this it takes months and months for anything to be done. Like hospitals, if you keep the ill and the elderly waiting long enough they will die and not cost the Government a penny. What a country!

Martin Clarke Sittingbourne By email

### Blame idiot drivers who are speeding

I think your correspondent Roger Hope will find that rather than blame country lanes as being dangerous, he should look at the abominable driving standards of today

Winding country roads have always been here, but not idiot drivers.

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Regarding the one-way system, again that is easily negotiable until an idiot reverses out from the 'car park' behind the Curry Queen take away - what is wrong with the Swale planning department to allow a car park to be situated in such a dangerous place?

They are either hopeless at their jobs or they are worried at being labelled racist? A sign of our pathetic times?

> **Peter Adams** Sittinabourne

#### If you're splitting up, we can offer help

Although New Year is meant to be full of fun and merriment, many people find it a stressful time for their relationships

Research by the Family Mediation Helpline recently revealed that almost a quarter of the population know of someone who has split up at New Year, and around 1.8 million couples feared that this Christmas may have been the last straw for their relationships.

The Family Mediation Helpline sees a surge in calls every January from people who have decided to split up with their partners and want to resolve disputes about finances, property and child-care arrangements, without battling it out in court.

But separating from a partner is painful for adults and children alike.

If you have split up from your partner and still want to start the year on the right foot, then call the Family Mediation Helpline on 0845 60 26627 to find out about your options

for agreeing difficult decisions.

Breaking up will always be difficult, but if anyone has decided that their New Year's resolution is to separate from their partner, then they need to make sure that they do it in the right way, otherwise they might find themselves in for some frosty feuding.

**Deborah Turner The Family Mediation Council** 

moments of 2007, as well as some of the sadder times and I look forward to an equally interesting year viewed through the pages of Yourswale.

Thanks for a lovely paper, I look forward to seeing it on Wednesdays and I wish you every success and a Happy New Year.

**Ted Hughes** Sheerness By email

#### Make an example of rubbish offenders

There is a big part of me that approves of plans by Swale council to fine people who leave their rubbish in the streets days before it is due for collection.

Even worse those who just leave their wheelie bin outside their house all of the time.

But why the fuss? The council can already fine people, it's just that at the moment they don't bother. Just get on with it councillors, hand out a couple of fines and so long as they receive publicity in the paper, people will soon tidy up.

Name and address withheld

#### Thanks for your lovely newspaper

I thoroughly enjoyed your Review of the Year that appeared in the New Year edition of Yourswale.

I hadn't realised that this marvellous new paper came from the same company that publishes the wonderful Kent on Sunday.

I enjoyed reliving some of the good

#### Climate change is real, and we must act

You published a letter on January 2 from a Bob Ellis obviously seeing the matter of climate change as a myth put about in order to let Government increase taxes (presumably on consumption such as fuel which is said to increase climate change).

Firstly, climate change is happening. Between the 1940s and 1970s, in only one winter was there no snow in mid-Kent (and often when there was it lay for many days). In the past ten years, often there has been no snow, and only the occasional day.

With increasing world population, and use of the world's finite resources such as oil, mankind sadly will ruin both the world itself, and living conditions for mankind, unless we can reverse these trends. Our grandchildren will find the quality of life irrevocably ruined.

A difficult matter for us to face up to, individually and collectively, but face it we must, including reducing our use of the world's resources.

> **Phillip Sulley** via email

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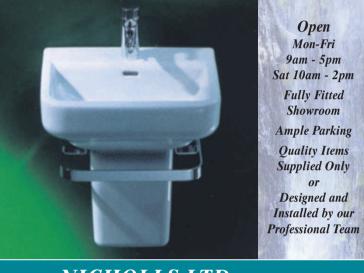
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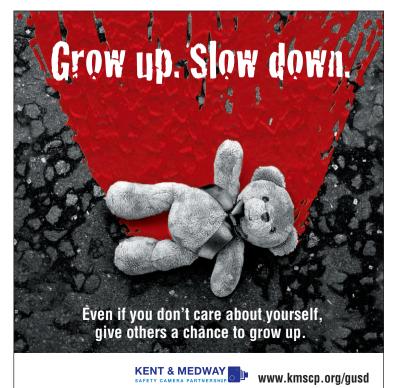
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# Boredom is my biggest influence

### Jimmy Carr follows his heart on tour

AS THE face of comedy on Channel 4, Jimmy Carr has become a regular fixture on our television screens, fronting shows such as 8 out of 10 Cats and Distraction.

But he says his real love is his live gigs, which is just as well as he is currently on a mammoth 12-month 140-plus-date tour, Repeat Offender.

This is his biggest tour so far and he will be playing to more than 200,000 fans across the UK and Ireland. But he warns his shows are not for the faint-hearted.

"It's not for the easily offended," he said. "It's not even

for people that are difficult to offend. Essentially it's for people who are without a moral compass."

Despite having occasionally caused controversy with

some of his more politically incorrect jokes, Jimmy makes no apologies for his material.

"In terms of taste and decency I think you can say pretty much anything in a comedy show" he said "I think

pretty much anything in a comedy show," he said. "I think being politically correct is important if you are a doctor or a policeman, or doing any of these important jobs in society. But as a comic I say rude things and offensive things and it's not for everyone."

So what can people expect when they come to see one of Jimmy's shows?

"I tour every year and this year it is called Repeat Offender, but for no real reason," he said. "Anyone who has come to see the show before will know that it's just a long list of jokes. It's quite funny, but there's no real theme to it. It does exactly what it says on the tin for a comedy show, which I quite like."

After his show, Jimmy likes to meet his audience. This means that as well as returning to familiar towns and venues, Jimmy has also started recognising some of the regular faces who come to see him.

"When you meet people after a gig, you often meet the

"When you meet people after a gig, you often meet the same people two years in a row and bizarrely you kind of remember some of them," he said. "It's like 'Oh, hello. Been well?" Or the heckler from last year heckles again. It's quite a nice thing."

This year sees the release of his third stand-up DVD, Comedian. It is the culmination of Jimmy's last two tours, Gag Reflex and Off The Telly, and contains different material to the new tour.

As a comedy fan, Jimmy loves to watch DVDs of his favourite comics – influences such as Stephen Wright and Emo Phillips, or performers he admires such as Dave Chappell and Chris Rock.

"It's a weird thing, but my taste in comedy tends to be far from what I do," he said. "I've been influenced by TV and media — I don't have a great attention span. I get bored quite easily. So the biggest influence on my comedy is boredom."

Jimmy Carr will be at various venues in February, April and May. For full tour details, see www.jimmycarr.com.



**ON TOUR:** Jimmy Carr says his favourite occupation is his live gigs

#### **JIMMY CARR**

February 10 - Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

February 24 – Orchard Theatre, Dartford

April 23 – Central Theatre, Chatham April 24 – Maidstone Leisure Centre

May 30 – Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



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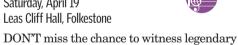
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#### **JETHRO TULL**

Saturday, April 19



tour this spring. The group will be playing just one gig in Kent on the 29-date celebratory tour and, with the band already reducing its live performances, fans should make sure they

band Jethro Tull on their 40th anniversary

catch the Tull in action this year. Ian Anderson will be honouring past members, friends and local musicians, along with thanking the fans for their continued support. During their 40-year career, Jethro Tull have sold more than 60 million albums and performed more than 2,600 shows in at least 40 countries.

As well as playing prestigious British venues many times, such as the Royal Albert Hall and the Manchester Apollo, the band became the first to play five consecutive gigs at the LA Forum.

Jethro Tull's tracks have been featured on many trendy television shows in recent years, such as The Sopranos, Ugly Betty and Friends.

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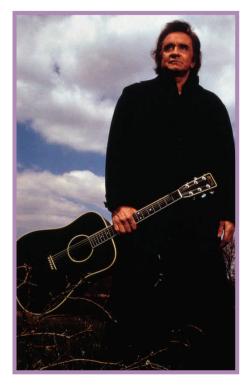
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The son of a farmer, Cash was born in Arkansas in 1932. He started writing songs and poems at the age of 12, following the tragic death of his brother Jack. Later, a vocal coach reportedly told him never to take another singing lesson and to preserve his natural voice instead.

He wrote more than 500 songs, including I Walk The Line and Big River, and performed great songs written by others. Cash died in 2003, just four months after the death of his late wife and soul mate, June Carter Cash.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets, which are limited, cost £12.50 in advance or £15 on

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#### **SWALE LEISURE**

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#### Don't miss this week's great new releases

MOVIE fans should take a look at the films being released this week.

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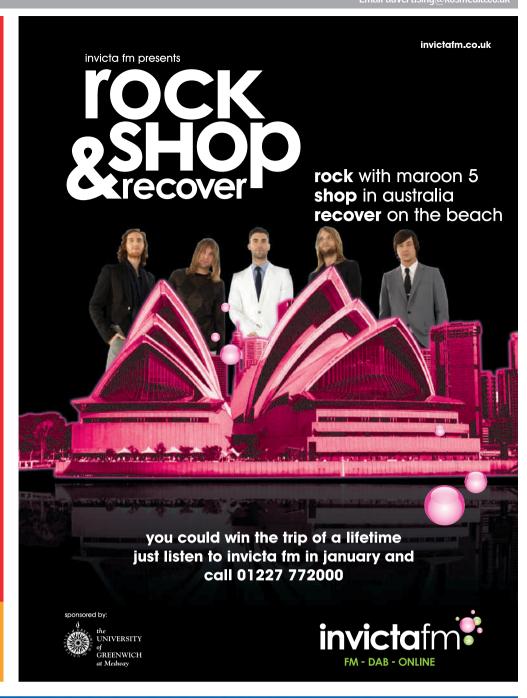


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### Lisa returns to the big screen

#### BY ELLIE GENOWER

SINCE leaving the sofas of Central Perk behind, Lisa Kudrow has popped up in a number of small, vet memorable, film roles.

Like her latest role as Denise, the quirky pal of Hilary Swank's Holly in the big screen adaptation of Irish author Cecelia Ahern's chick lit novel, PS I Love You.

The film follows Holly, who is in mourning for her happy-go-lucky husband Gerry (Gerard Butler) who died of a brain tumour. Her grief is interrupted by the arrival of letters from Gerry, each with a different request, which he intended her to receive following his

Explains Lisa: "When I read the script, I thought it was cruel, not romantic, that he was sending her letters so that she will remember

"In that situation it's not very healthy because you can't really move on with your

"But then by the end you can see that wasn't really his intention.

"His intention was that she remember herself, through all the things he wanted her to do, and tells her to do in the letters. Go out with a friend, do karaoke, get outside of yourself, don't take yourself so seriously. Remember who you were when I met you."

In the meantime, Holly is faced with the prospect of finding love again with barman Daniel (Harry Connick Jr), while Denise desperately and sometimes tactlessly tries to find a man of her own.

Playing a singleton on the dating scene made Lisa relieved that she is already happily

She's been married to advertising executive Michael Stern for 12 years and they live in Los

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Angeles with their nine-year-old son Julian.

These days, she is content to see acting as a part-time job, having left the demanding hours of the hit sitcom, and later her criticallyacclaimed HBO TV series The Comeback,

Lisa also had to adjust to life after Friends.

"I look back on Friends fondly," she says. "We all still keep in touch although we don't see each other a lot.

"I miss certain things about the show, like not being with those people every single day. Matthew Perry is one of the funniest people I've ever met and I miss just cracking up.

"It was a really happy, good experience. And it's done, so we have to just move on. There are no regrets.'

Such was its popularity that people still speculate about a Friends reunion, or a film version of the show, following in the footsteps of the recent Sex and the City movie.



**MOVED ON:** Lisa Kudrow is embracing life after Friends

"I think they should dump the whole idea," says Lisa.

"The writers would have to be on board and then get the six of us on board. And who's going to come up with all that money to talk everyone into doing it?

"I don't know if it's worth it. Ross and Rachel got together, Phoebe's married, Monica and Chandler moved to Connecticut.

"The series ended. It's not these six people living in New York being there for each other as family. They now have their own families; the story's over.

"Maybe in 30 years, other actors will do Friends and it will be a spoof and they'll be making fun of it. But I won't be in it. Or perhaps I'll be a grandma...'



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1 Imagine eccentric one of the pack (7-4)

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12 Out in a hazardous position over a wing, say (2,1,4)

14 One who stirs up has perception reportedly right at the

**15** Pain in swallowing (11) **16** 16 Dung-beetle of the third order (3)

17 Head Office had second-class cooker ring (3) 19 Unnamed fagís odd pranks (3,3,5)

**22** Uncertain pal shortly returns and promises to pay (7)

23 Part of salad, let us say (7)

**24** Goods lost and found on the sea (7) 25 Model has disturbed sleep going round pound (6)

**26** It is not for the first time that one is saving (11)

2 An idler coming from the island (7)

**3** Counting and recounting (7)

4 Street fight (3)

**5** Dependent on a learner getting qualification first (11)

6 Italian stream that can only be crossed once? (7)

**7** Slid along to find Katharine in South Dakota (6)

8 Had too much on? (11)

11 Finished quickly, removed gloss (8,3)

13 Firm with chaps who are into affairs (11)

**18** Jack in favour of monkey (6)

19 Slovenly woman flies round consuming two eggs (7) **20** Prepares before one goes in the race? (4,3)

21 Lady left at home feeling weakly sentimental (7)

25 Mixed food (3)

#### **QUICK CLUES**

#### **ACROSS**

1 Very simple (2,4,2,3) **9** Wading bird (6) 10 Method of bowling (7)

12 Geometric line (7) 14 Lucrative (7)

**15** Callously (11) 16 Fabulous bird (3)

17 Early morning moisture (3) **19** Game of thumping with cushions (6-5)

**22** Radioactive element (7)

23 Game using a top (7) **24** 24 Edinburgh area (7)

25 Cotton fabric (6) **26** Supposition (11)

#### 2 Grassy plain (7)

3 Antique (7) 4 In addition (3) **5** Scandinavian hors

díoeuvre (11) 6 Shortness (7) **7** Boss (6)

8 Inference (11) 11 Quickly (2,3,6)

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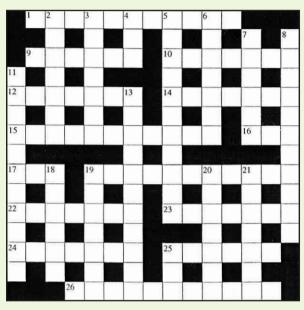
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#### **AQUARIUS**

(Jan 21 – Feb 19)

AN opportunity to make money gives you a chance to spend

more time on private pursuits. This comes as a relief, as you were beginning to tire of working with a large group. If someone asks for money, you should either refuse or give it as a gift or your relationship will be permanently damaged. You'll be in much demand over the next eight weeks.



#### **TAURUS**

(Apr 21 – May 21 )

THE chance to go on a glamorous vacation could fall into

your lap, You may have trouble finding someone to care for a pet or child. Ask a female relative who owes you a favour. If you're looking for work, spend the next two months sending out CVs and setting up interviews. A relative, neighbour, or friend could tip you off to a good position.



#### LEO

(July 24 – Aug 23)

YOU'LL feel especially energetic this week, particularly

where romance is concerned. It may be impossible to contain your desire for the object of your affection. Resist the urge to buy your way into their affection. Instead, lay your heart at their feet. Partnership issues will take on increased importance over the next two months.



#### **SCORPIO** (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

CREATIVE inspira-

tion could strike at the strangest time

this week. News of a pregnancy comes as a surprise. Although this will mean some changes in lifestyle for you, they will prove pleasant ones. Don't let a friend's gloomy warnings about finances spoil your fun. Talking with relatives could prove productive



#### **PISCES**

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

PEOPLE are drawn to your rebellious side. You're glad to be cele-

brated for your distinction. Usually, it is held against you. A forbidding business or romantic partner may try to take the wind out of your sails. Turn a deaf ear to their warnings. Taking a job just for money will only lead to misery. A new friend could help you find a position more suited to your talents.



#### **GEMINI**

(May 22 – Jun 22)

YOU feel irresistibly drawn to an offbeat authority figure who

vou could share some passionate evenings this week. Don't rush things though. Sexual sparks don't always translate to domestic harmony. You could get a chance to add to your qualifications between now and mid-March. This additional knowledge will give you more freedom.



#### **VIRGO**

(Aug 24 – Sep 23)

YOU'RE the focus of romantic attention. Your charms

have never been more apparent. If you're in a relationship, let your lover wait on you. Normally, you're the one looking to meet their needs. If you're single, you could meet someone special at a dance club, photography exhibit, or movie



#### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 – Dec 21)

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freedom in your personal life. You may not realise it, but many people envy your situation. Take care not to flaunt your liberty to an authority figure, or you could be unfairly punished. Working on behalf of a humanitarian cause will prove stimulating between now and mid-March

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#### **ARIES**

(Mar 21 – Apr 20)

YOUR career is starting to look up, when you get support from

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#### **CANCER**

Jun 23 – Jul 23)

STEPPING out of your comfort zone could put you in the

path of romance. You may find work a slog this week, thanks to plodding colleagues. Don't tease them because they will take it the wrong way. The opportunity to broach a sensitive topic with a lover could arise. Discuss money, sex, religion, or other subjects that have brought grief in the past.



#### **LIBRA**

(Sep 24 - Oct 23)

YOU could be given some unusual assignments at work. These

jobs bring out the best in you. Your high spirits will have a good effect on your home life. If you're looking for a new abode, you could find one within walking distance of your job. Pay no attention to nagging fears about your communication skills. You'll handle yourself admirably at a fancy party.



#### **CAPRICORN**

(Dec 22 – Jan 20)

WIT, charm, and intelligence characterise everything you do. No

wonder it's so easy to make friends. Resist the urge to engage in a secret love affair, or you could hurt an innocent victim. You need to be scrupulously honest in order to maintain the good name you've made for yourself. Ideas for making more money come fast and furious over the next three weeks

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#### **BBC** one

FRIDAY: NEW TRICKS (9pm): Drama series featuring an eccentric group of ex-policemen, brought out of retirement to investigate unsolved crimes. Y: THE ONE AND ONLY (6.25pm): Graham Norton fronts the latest reality TV show hunting for the UK's best tribute act. Results follow later in the evening.

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Y: LAKESIDE WORLD PROFESSIONAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS (7PM): Ray Stubbs presents action from the quarter-finals at the Lakeside Country Club. : **U-571 (9.30pm):** Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton and Harvey Keitel star in a World War Two submarine adventure about a US crew sent to capture a

AY: AL MURRAY'S HAPPY HOUR (10pm): The pub landlord welcomes the likes of James Blunt, Cerys Matthews and Barbara Windsor to join him at the bar. : SHAUN OF THE DEAD (9.30pm): Simon Pegg and Nick Frost dazzle in a classic British movie comedy as zombies take over London. Must-watch



BILL BAILEY LIVE: PART TROLL (10.35pm): Never Mind the Buzzcocks star Bill Bailey performs at the Hammersmith Apollo during his 2004 stand-up tour. SHALLOW HAL (9pm): Jack Black and Gwyneth Paltrow star in a comedy about a superficial man who finds himself hypnotised by a friend to fall madly in love with a 300lb woman.

FRIDAY: AS TIME RUNS OUT (3.30pm): Movie about a millionaire's desperate efforts to get his son back after he is kidnapped.

**SATURDAY: FLASH (4.10pm):** Film drama about a young boy faced with a difficult decision after his cashstrapped dad buys him a horse.

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### The building blocks of a Shameless hit

#### BY **ANDY WELCH**

THE rather un-loved estate where chaotic family drama Shameless takes place is not somewhere you'd automatically class as something desirable to recreate.

But the ups and downs of the out-of-control Gallagher family have proved so popular that TV bosses built their own real-life version of the fictitious Chatsworth Estate. The set, which was revealed to the press in April, is now back on our screens as the fifth series rolls on.

During the first four series, the drama was filmed on an estate in Gorton, Manchester, complete with real-life residents in the background and all the problems shooting on location brings with it.

David Threlfall, who, out-of-character, looks a lot smarter than the hapless Frank Gallagher, says: "Having the new set has made things easier. If we were doing outside scenes and it was raining, we can dive inside and do other stuff, assuming the actors are available.

"Having dressing rooms indoors is also deeply appreciated by all concerned," he laughs, referring to the times he's been soaked trying to dodge the Manchester rain while walking from Portacabin to filming location.

He says of Shameless: "I had no idea it was going to last as long as it has. My first response when reading the first script was, 'Is this what they're going to shoot or are they going to tone this down?' I'd never read anything like it before. It was so full-on.

"I was offered the part, then given about an hour to make up my mind. I just thought, 'Okay, let's see' - and now here we are



**NO SHAME:** David Threlfall plays Frank, an unemployed. unemployable alcoholic who has captured viewers' hearts

promoting series five, and the longest series we've ever done."

For those unfamiliar with Shameless, David's character Frank is an unemployed, unemployable, drug-taking alcoholic. He's been little more than a shadow while his many children have grown up - eight at last count and is virtually guaranteed not only to miss out on their major achievements in life, but also to scupper any other chances they may have with his shambolic behaviour.

On paper, he's everything a person and father should avoid being, yet despite his flaws, viewers love Frank dearly. So does David: "You have to love every character you play, even if they are vile. A man who headbutts his own children definitely doesn't

have my vote, but it's about their reaction to his behaviour as much as anything. But, let's not forget, this sort of stuff does go on in real

"When I first read the part, I said the easiest thing would be to make him the village idiot, the town drunk, but where do you go with that? Nowhere, basically. You have to investigate why he's done it and work out other things about him.

"That's the great thing about Paul Abbott [the show's creator]," he adds. "He gives you space to work out a back-story, and my instinct was that Frank just went missing and took drink up as a mission 25 years ago, after the birth of one of his children."

The first instalment of the new 16-episode run, which aired on New Year's Day, saw David as director and it's something he's keen to continue.

"I'll be helping facilitate new stories and scripts, and getting into that almost industrial process of how the show gets made. I love that side of it all, I absolutely love it," he says, before revealing his own particular method when it comes to directing an episode.

"I like to guide and think about trying different things. I'm very straight, though. We do an episode in 25 days, so there's no time to mess about, but I like to rehearse and get the actors relaxed. We have a lot of fun up there."

Just don't try to get too deep with the

"I don't think it's a show about explaining," he adds. "It is what it is, and if you don't get it, watch something else. I don't mean that in an off-hand way. I just mean it's a drama about people trying to get by, trying to get on in life. But, if you get it, you get it."



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PETE DOHERTY: The former

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**CHAS 'N' DAVE:** The cockney duo wow the 250-strong crown with one of their many timeless classics, Gertcha, picking up where Pete Doherty left off at their headline performance at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham, @



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#### BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

TABLOID favourite Pete Doherty went back to basics at an intimate Chatham gig, taking to the stage with just a guitar and his enviable back catalogue of sing-along smash hits.

The troubled rocker, famed for hitting the headlines for all the wrong reasons, reeled off a string of his best-loved tracks during a storming half hour set at the Tap 'n' Tin, before making way for his boyhood heroes, headliners Chas 'n' Dave.

Pete performed songs from his days with The Libertines, such as Kilimanjaro and Carry On Up The Morning, as well as solo material.

Having whipped the sell-out crowd into a frenzy the famous frontman watched Chas 'n' Dave's set from the side of the stage.

The timeless duo, joined as always by Mick Burt on drums, rattled through all their old hits, including Snooker Loopy, Gertcha, Down to Margate and Rabbit, much to the delight of the largely steel toecap-wearing members of the audience who had made their way to the front.

Having almost exhausted their extensive back catalogue, Chas welcomed Pete back onto the stage for the grand finale, a rousing rendition of Ain't No Pleasin' You.

• A seven-minute clip of Pete's solo performance and a shorter one of Chas 'n' Dave's toe-tapping classics is available online now. Go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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#### BY LISA HAYNES

WHEN Robbie Williams needed some serious rehab earlier this year, he got out his map of Arizona and checked into Phoenix's Cottonwood clinic.

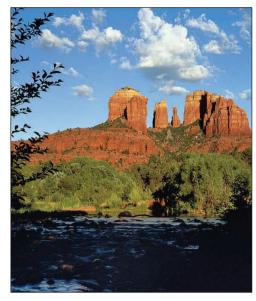
The singer may not have spent his stay scribbling postcards or seeing the sights – but after my week of luxury in Arizona, I'm quite prepared to believe Robbie went home a reformed, more relaxed character.

Newcomers to the Wild West imagine sandy deserts, towering cacti and cowboys, and first impressions won't disappoint – but it does have a few surprises in store.

Arizona divides roughly into three zones: the deserts of the south and west, the mountainous central highlands with volcanocreated plains in between, and the northern Colorado Plateau. Its major conurbations, Phoenix and Tucson are in the southern sector and surrounded by the cacti of the Sonoran Desert.

Holidays in Arizona, therefore, mostly attract those who relish the outdoor life: novice horse riders, mountain bikers, and those who savour mighty steaks cooked on a sizzling barbecue as the sun goes down.

Knowing we would experience the scorching heat of summer, we planned a lazier routine. After landing in Phoenix in a dust storm, the journey through cactus-lined streets to the hotel in Scottsdale was soon taking us through



**STUNNING:** Breathtaking scenery, shopping centres and spas are changing preconceived notions of Arizona

Camelback Road, Stetson Drive and Dynamite Boulevard. But morning and daylight soon brought a different perspective to my 'yee-ha!' preconceptions. From my colonial-style casita at The Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale, I was wowed by a surprisingly lush green landscape and mountain terrain.

Yet in the midst of rolling desert, you're only a short car journey away from Scottsdale's bustling and modern downtown art and shopping district, currently undergoing almost \$3 billion's worth of tourist-friendly development.

Setting off the next day at 6am to beat the midday heat, which can top 40 degrees centigrade in the summer months, we blew away the cobwebs with a hike up nearby Pinnacle Peak and were rewarded with stunning views of the Sonoran Desert from a spectacular vantage point.

After breakfast, it was time for a signature Desert Nectar Facial in the spa of our hotel, before a visit to the ultra-modern Scottsdale Fashion Square to shop. Alternatively, culture vultures can dive into an array of vibrant art galleries, golfing fans have a choice of several superb courses and foodies can revel in award-winning restaurants, from sushi to Old West cuisine — Cowboy Ciao is a favourite with tourists and locals alike.

Scottsdale's Downtown is super-modern, immaculately turned out, and jam-packed with urban appeal. Our next stop, Sedona, could hardly have offered a more dramatic contrast. Famous for its striking red rock formations, Sedona makes an ideal location for a desert retreat because of its reputation as a creative mecca with a New Age feel, boasting spiritual charm and natural beauty.

Wherever you stay, the views will rarely be less than stunning. Even if you don't have the inclination to put on your hiking boots, you can't fail to be moved by Arizona's untouched desert beauty, and the never-ending sunshine.

If he goes there again, I'll wager that Robbie will ditch rehab to find revitalisation of an altogether different kind.

#### **FACT FILE: ARIZONA**

Time differenceUK + seven hoursCurrencyDollar approx 1.98 to £1CapitalPhoenixPopulation6.1 millionLanguageEnglishRegion airportPhoenix Sky HarborClimateDesert

#### **Holiday details**

Lisa Haynes was a guest of the Arizona Office of Tourism, which has a UK brochure hotline on 020 8741 7256 or online at www.arizonaguide.com.

She flew with British Airways from Heathrow to Phoenix. British Airways Holidays offers seven nights' room-only at the four star Royal Palms Resort & Spa in Scottsdale from  $\pounds 1,552$ , including flights and car hire with Alamo Gold for duration of stay.

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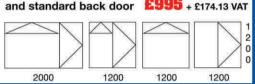
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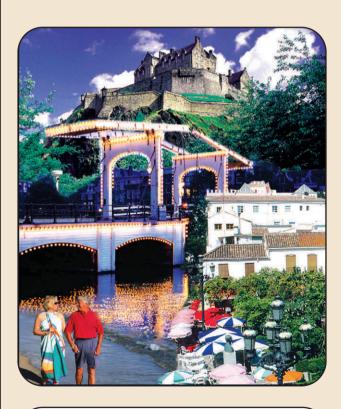
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#### **BIRTHS**

#### ALLDIS

Ben and Jay Alldis celebrate the birth of their daughter Amy Dove on 16th December

#### AUSTIN

Caitlin Martha Anne born on 25th December 2007 at Sidcup, weighing 6lb 7oz. Daughter to Graham and Sara Austin of Sevenoaks.

#### BOSTOCK

Jason and Amy celebrate the birth of their daughter Juliet Amy born on the 19th December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little nibbler.

Liam Thomas born on 20th December 2007, weighing 5lbs 15oz. Son to Tom and Emma in Broadstairs.

#### BURRETT

Evie Mae, Mia Marie and Alfie George born on 27th December 2007, weighing 3lbs 4oz, 3lbs 10oz and 3lbs 2oz. Triplets to Laine and Belinda in Ramsgate.

#### CLARKE

Clare and David of Canterbury are very proud, and delighted, to announce the birth of their son, Zachary Ashton Clarke, on 27th November 2007.

#### COBILL

Lola Naomi born on 23rd December 2007 weighing 8lb 6oz. Daughter to Gavin and Sarah sister to Megan in Tonbridge.

#### FARRELL

Rubie Nicola - Jade born on 30th November 2007, weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Simon and Jade in Ramsgate.

#### **GIGNEY**

Nicola Cornish and Clive Gigney are proud to announce to birth of their son Ray Aaron Thomas Gigney, born on 14th December 2007 weighing 9lb 7oz. You are the best Christmas present we could have asked for.

Rob and Lisa of Faversham celebrate the birth of their son Elliott Michael Tate on 2nd December 2007. A little brother for MacKenzie.

#### HARPER

Eddie Milo born on 27th December 2007 weighing 9lb 1oz to proud parents Mark and Teena of Tunbridge Wells.

#### INGRAM

James Stephen Ingram born at Pembury Hospital on 23rd December 2007, weighing 5lb 9oz. Son to Barry and Kaylee of Edenbridge

#### **JEFFRIES**

Kaitlyn Amanda born on 18th December 2007, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Ryan and Sara in Margate.

#### **JEYS**

Adam and Charmaine celebrate the birth of their son Elliot William Jeys on 12th December 2007, weighing 7lb 14oz

#### JOSLYN - WARNER

Isabelle born on 24th November 2007, weighing 6lb 4oz. Daughter to Phil and Nichola in Maidstone. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever

#### KENNEDY-SMITH

Jill and Paul would like to announce the arrival of their beautiful twins Jamie and Libby born on the 21st December

#### KNOX

To Ed and Samantha beautiful daughter, Erin Samantha, born on 2nd December 2007. A new baby sister for Liam, Laura and Ellie.

#### LAZELL

Charlie John Lazell born to proud parents John and Lyndsey on 23rd December 2007 weighing 8lb 15oz. Mummy and Daddys special boy.

#### MALONE

Cassandra and Michael celebrate the birth of their son Alfie Jude born on the 19th December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

#### **MEADWELL**

Albert James Meadwell, born 18th December 2007, to Deborah and James. A brother for Phoebe.

#### **MEARS**

Candice and Terry Mears celebrate the birth of their lovely daughter Keelie Mears. Born on 7th December 2007. Little sister to Wesley.

#### NORMAN

James Davey Norman born on 17th November 2007, weighing 9lb 8oz. Son to Colin and Karen in Headcorn.

#### **PALMER**

Philip and Lisa Palmer celebtrate the birth of their daughter Lola Patricia Palmer on 19th November

#### REEVES

Lexi born on 7th December 2007, weighing 8lbs.4oz. Daughter to Jonathan and Stacey. Sister to Codie and Keva

#### ROLLS

Tony and Jo Rolls of Tonbridge celebrate the birth of their daughter Amy Joanna Rolls on 28th November

#### SIVYER

Jenny and Graham are pleased to announce the safe arrival of James Robert Edward on 14th December 2007, weighing 3lb 13oz.

#### **SMITH**

Michael and Laura are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful little boy Harrison Christopher Smith on 16th December 2007, weighing 6lb.

#### **TAYLOR**

Susan and Paul are delighted to announce the births of their twins James and Jasmine born on 9th December 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital Dartford.

#### TERRY

To Daren and Cerian of Whitstable a beautiful baby daughter, Tia Rose, born on 19th November 2007. A new sister for Harvey and Fynn.

#### THURLEY

Dawn and John Thurley of Leybourne celebrate the birth of their daughter Lucy Jean Thurley on 17th December 2007.

#### WELLS

Andrew and Tracey Wells of Snodland celebrate the birth of their son Ethan Samuel Thomas Wells on 9th December 2007, weighing 6lb 2oz.

#### WHITCOMBE

Faith Neve born 14th December 2007 weighing 7lb 6oz in Canterbury daughter to Alana and Stuart.

#### WILLOUGHBY

Bobby and Sue of Whitstable are both pleased and proud to announce the birth of their son, Brook Daniel Willoughby, on 6th December 2007.Brook weighed 8Ib 10oz.

#### **DEATHS**

#### ASPINALL

In loving memory of Stephen Jeffery, a Wonderful Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad who fell asleep on 20th December 2007 after a short illness, aged 80 years. Sadly missed by all your Family and Friends Now with the Angels. From your loving wife Betty and all of your Family.

#### BAKER

Eric Arthur of Tonbridge passed away on 21st December 2007. Loved and missed by Family and Friends. Enquires to Son David 07768 232353

#### **BRYAN**

Dora Bryan sadly passed away on 23rd December 2007. Funeral service to be held 11.45am on 9th January at Vinters Park Crematorium. All enquiries to Pickard and Beale in Maidstone.

#### CLARK

Ann Passed away in Margate Hospital on 23rd December 2007 will be sadly missed by Husband Edgar children and Grandchildren.

#### COLEMAN / WINCH

Eileen Alice of Edenbridge passed away peacefully on 28th December 2007. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends

#### DICKINSON

Betty Dickinson died peacefully on 22nd December 2007. The service took place at January.

Bernard Eldridge, aged 94. Funeral service to be held at Vinters Park Crematorium in Maidstone on 11th January 2008 at 2.45pm.

Edith Hayward of Aylesham passed away very suddenly at her home on 17th December 2007.Loved and missed by her family.

Joan Muriel Ivy Howell of Ashford,passed away suddenly but peacefully 2007.Funeral to be held

Charles of Tunbridge Wells passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007 aged 94

e: info@woollardandkent.co.uk

Thanet Crematorium at 12.00pm on Friday 4th

#### ELDRIDGE

formerly of Bell Lane in Ditton, passed away on 22nd December 2007,

#### GREENWOOD

John Greenwood of Whitfield passed away after a short illness at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury on 20th December 2007. Loving husband of Hayley.He will be very sadly missed.

#### HARRIS

Kathleen Sarah Mabel Harris died peacefully on 15th December 2007. Funeral service at 11.20am on 31st December 2007

#### HAYWARD

#### HOWELL

on 16th December at Charing on 7th January 2007 at 2.40pm. Sadly missed by family and friends.

#### **HUMPHRIES**

#### years. Loving husband of Dottie. Funeral

**JARVIS** A loved one is not gone until they are forgotten and to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Norma Kathleen Jarvis passed away 20th December

enquiries via Hickmotts

of Tunbridge Wells

#### LAMBERT

Penny Lambert of Saltwood Hythe, died 29th December, aged 60. Funeral 16th January at SS Peter and Paul Saltwood at 11.30am All welcome. This will be a celebration of her life, no black please at her request.

#### LOFT

Ivy Loft died peacefully on 27th December 2007 Funeral Service at Salvation Army, Gravesend, at 11.15am, cremation at Medway Crematorium at 12.20pm on Tuesday 15th January 2008.

#### McALLISTER

Dorcas Rowan passed away peacefully at the William Harvey Hospital on 23rd December 2007. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

**MYRANS** Dorothy Lesley Myrans of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007. Widow of Harry and loving mother to Sarah,Richard and Harry.Funeral enquiries to A Welch

#### ROLLO

John Dunning Rollo of Maidstone passed away on 22nd December 2007 He will be sadly missed by his wife, daughters and grandchildren. Enquiries to Pickard and Beale Maidstone.

#### **SPAIN**

John Henry Spain of Maidstone passed away on 22 nd December 2007. Enquiries to Doves Funeral Directors Maidstone

#### STEPHENS

Bunny Stephens of Stourmouth passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007. A loving husband, father and grandfather who will be very sadly missed. The funeral took place at Barham on . B1st December and a thanksgiving service was held at St Vincents Church, Littlebourne.

#### WARDLE

Tel died suddenly 22nd December 2007 at home in Dover will be sadly missed by his partner Sylvia and son Joe and all who know him Cremation at Hawkinge Crematorium Wednesday 9th January 1.15pm all welcome.

#### WATSON

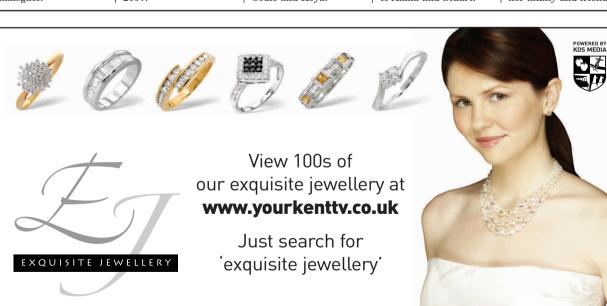
Edna Gladys of Hadlow passed away peacefully on 27th December 2007 aged 77 years. Much loved Mum and Granny will be sadly missed.

#### WILDE

Jack Wilde died peacefully at The Heart of Kent Hospice 28th December 2007. Beloved husband of Yvonne Wilde. Its so hard to say

#### WILLIAMS

Ellen Williams (known as Helen) passed away peacefully on 28th December 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital. Much loved wife, mum and grandma. She will be very sadly missed. Funeral enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Care Dartford.





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#### **PROPERTY** NEWS

### Course aims to fill empty properties

AN initiative to bring empty property back into use has staged two special training courses for its officers from across the county in a bid to boost its work going into 2008.

No Use Empty is supported by Dover, Shepway, Swale and Thanet councils and backed by Kent County Council. Launched in 2005, it hopes to bring back into service some of the 9,000 homes that stand empty in east Kent alone.

Last month it staged courses at the offices of Shepway and Swale councils which were attended by 56 delegates. Further courses are planned this year.

Susan Pledger, project manager of No Use Empty, said: "The purpose of these courses is to provide an opportunity for empty property officers across Kent to increase their knowledge and understanding of key legislation, which in turn helps them in their work to return more empty properties back into use."

Free help and advice is available to property owners by logging on to the www.no-use-empty.org website or by calling the No Use Empty hotline on 08458 247605.

### Record attention for cottage homes

DEVELOPER Rydon Homes has received a record number of enquiries about cottage-style housing – despite the sales launch not starting until March.

Merchant Mews will see 12 new twoand three-bedroom homes built in a courtyard just off New Dover Road, a mile from Canterbury city centre.

It will include six different styles of semi-detached and terraced houses to give individuality, with traditional detailing, white-painted brickwork and low-dipping rooflines.

Each cottage will have allocated parking, with three having their own

John Kitchin, managing director of Rydon Homes, said: "The response to Merchant Mews, where prices will be in the region of £435,000, shows how many buyers are looking for a high-quality house in an outstanding location.

"We have received so many enquiries that we have set up a sales cabin on site so prospective purchasers are able to take a look at the scheme prior to the sales launch."



WHAT A VIEW: Along with improved transport links, coastal locations are proving to be a key factor in influencing the continued rise of house prices in parts of Kent

# Bucking the trend with soaring house prices

HOUSE prices in seaside towns across the county are set to continue rising throughout 2008 – as the number of people flocking to coastal retreats rockets.

And there's more good news for those living inland too – with improved transport links to both London and the Continent making parts of Kent set to lead the way in house price rises across the South East.

Experts point to the relative affordability of seaside towns as firing a new, increased demand from house-hunters seeking the best deals.

According to a report from estate agency Halifax, Kent is set to outperform the regional average, in part courtesy of infrastructure improvements such as the high-speed rail link and, for the north of the county, the opening of the Ebbsfleet International station.

#### BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

East Kent has been highlighted as an area set to benefit to the max, while the likes of Chatham and Dartford are identified as places where the price rises will be most significant over the next 12 months. Both towns were named in a list compiled by Halifax of the top ten property hot-spots for 2008.

Despite forecasting national price growth to be flat this year, Halifax managing director Colin Kemp said: "Some areas will continue to be in high demand next year, with property prices rising accordingly despite the expected subdued outlook across the market as a whole.

"The areas likely to record the biggest price gains will tend to be those with a combination of good transport links to a major conurbation and relatively low average prices."

"Chatham and the other Medway towns are likely to record significant price increases as demand is boosted by the planned opening of high-speed services to central London from north and east Kent in late 2009.

"Dartford and the surrounding area will also see a boost to its property market as a result of the recent opening of Ebbsfleet International."

Locate in Kent director of marketing and research Mandy Bearne said she agreed with Halifax's forecast.

She said: "There's so much happening in Kent. All our towns have been or are in the process of being completely rejuvenated.

"Through working with developers and builders I know Kent is going to become a much more attractive place to live, being better connected with London and the North.

"Everyone is predicting Kent becoming more popular due to the enhanced transport links, protecting it from any downturn in the market, either keeping house prices steady or helping them continue to rise."

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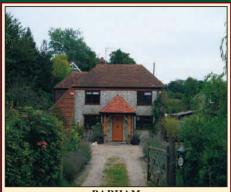
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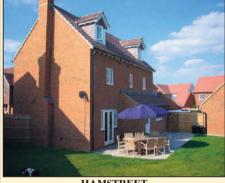
Attractive 3 bedroom, one en suite, family home situated close to the centre of the village. Comprises Sitting Room, Farmhouse Kitchen, Cloakroom & Family Bathroom. Property also has front & rear gardens laid to lawn with trees & shrubs. Viewing of this property is recommended! Guide Price- £335,000



TEMPLE EWELL

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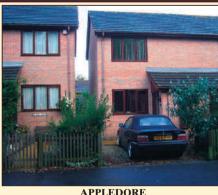
Guide Price- £245,000



HAMSTREET

Substantial 5 bedroom modern village home with accommodation over 3 floors. The location is pleasant & close to the Hamstreet Station and other facilities. Double glazed & central heated with pleasing gardens & outlooks, this property has a very pleasing ambience.

Guide Price- £385,000



A modern semi detached house situated in the sought after location of Appledore. The accommodation comprises of 2 bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen and bathroom. Garden and

off road parking. Guide Price- £200,000



ST NICHOLAS AT WADE

A four bedroomed equestrian property situated to the village St Nicholas at Wade. The four bedrooms are all of good size and at the rear of the property there are stables approximately three acres(unmeasured) of pasture land all with separate access of the nearby lane.

Guide Price- £425,000



HAMSTREET

Charming spacious, modern house set in mature gardens with feature pond. This property is in good order and has any features including exposed beams. The accommodation includes of 4 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, utility room, conservatory, cloak room, office and family bathroom. Guide Price- £390,000



**HAMSTREET** 

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£435,000



- 3 bedroom semi detached house
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom, utility room Garden, garage, off road parking



· Lounge, dining room & fitted kitchen

• Off road parking & integral garage

En-suite to master bedroom

- Three bedroom terraced house
- Inglenook fireplace & exposed beams Gardens to front and rear

• Three bedroom detached house

Lounge & kitchen/diner

Currently let to students

Close to Christchurch University

• View early to avoid disappointment

• Front & rear gardens

Driveway & garage

**CANTERBURY** 

Allocated parking

**CHARTHAM** 

£255,000

£250,000

£285,000

£235,000

**AYLESHAM** 



£144,995

£295,000

£134,950

• 3 bedroom, end of terrace house · Lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom

3-4 bedroom semi detached house

• 3 bedroom semi detached house

Lounge, kitchen, shower room

• Gardens to front and rear

Off road parking

**CANTERBURY** 

Front and rear gardens

Off road parking

Garage

**AYLESHAM** 

- Rear garden with side access
- Off road parking

**CANTERBURY** 

#### **CANTERBURY**

**CHARTHAM** 

£175,000

£259,995



• 3 bedroom semi detached house

• Lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen Utility room, study, family bathroom

Attractive gardens, off road parking

- 3 bedroom semi detached house
- Gardens to front and rear Off road parking
- No onward chain



- 2 bedroom ground floor apartment • Situated in South Canterbury
- Lounge, kitchen and bathroom
- Allocated parking, communal garden

#### **OLD WIVES LEES** £269,995



- 4 bedroom semi detached house Lounge, kitchen & family bathroom
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- Two bedroom terraced house
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- Garden

#### **CANTERBURY**

£224,950



- 2 bedroom first floor apartment Balcony over river • Lounge, dining area, kitchen
  - Underground parking

#### **STURRY**

£239.950



- Three bedroom detached house Rear garden • Lounge and breakfast room
  - Off road parking

#### **CANTERBURY**

£216,000



- 2 bedroom first floor apartment En-suite to master bedroom • Lounge/diner, fitted kitchen
  - Allocated parking for one car

#### **HERSDEN**



- Fitted kitchen and lounge/diner Allocated parking for two cars
- Gardens to front and rear

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**CANTERBURY** 

**CANTERBURY** 

Four bedroom detached house

Three reception rooms



- Kitchen with integral appliances
- Vacant possession

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- 1 bedroom ground floor apartment
- Lounge, kitchen and bathroom Double glazing, central heating
- No onward chain

#### **CANTERBURY**

#### £199,995



- En-suite to master bedroom
- Courtyard garden Allocated parking



• Two bedroom garden apartment

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- 4 Bedrooms. 2 Receptions. Kit/Breakfast Utility, Excellent Sized Frontage, Garden
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- · Bathroom & Shower, Garage, Garden **Canterbury Office 0845 3709 712**



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- 4 Bed. Lounge. Kit/Breakfast Room Workshop Area With Garage & Office
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- Lovely Garden. Parking

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£189,995

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- Prestigious Location Within City Walls
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£170,000

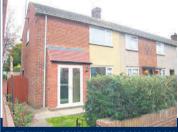
- 2 Bed Home. Popular Conservation Area • Near Town Centre And Local Amenities
- 2 Receptions. Cellar. Rear Garden **Faversham Office 0845 3709 712**



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- Many Improvements Made By Owner Good Size Rear Garden. No Chain
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- £149,995
- 2 Bed Property. Two Reception Rooms Walking Distance Of Town & Train Station • Rear Garden

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 Kitchen. Gardens. Needs Some Updating Faversham Office 0845 3709 712



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**SITTINGBOURNE** 

- Contemporary 2 Bed End Of Terrace
- Downstairs Cloakroom. Conservatory
- Popular Cul-De-Sac Location. ORP Sittingbourne Office 0845 3709 711



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- Off Road Parking. Cul-De-Sac Location DG With Guarantees. Rear Garden
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- Excellent Condition Throughout
- Village Location. Approx. 120' Rear Garden Sittingbourne Office 0845 3709 711



2 Double Bed Victorian Style Mid Terrace

- Excellent Condition Throughout. Garden Ideal 1st Buy. Popular South Side Location
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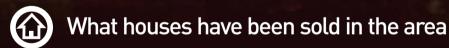


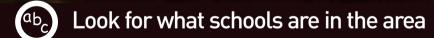
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## Barretts' top three slot in Land Rover 'tech trek'

STAFF at Barretts Land Rover Canterbury came third in the three-day national final of the Land Rover G4 Trek, based on the brand's notorious global G4 Challenge.

The podium finish and 'best driving and winching team' award for (left to right) parts specialist Peter Bourlet, service manager David Parkin and technician Terry Law was achieved against 125 teams.

The challenge comprised off-roading, mountain biking, bridge building, navigation, quizzes, a slalom canoe race and a 'zip wire' ride.



## Loyal Skoda dealer joins January sales

SALE shoppers at Gillingham's Hempstead Valley Centre can see some of the latest products from Skoda – the motor market's most improved brand – from next Monday to Friday (January 14-19).

Locally based Sherlodge Garage is one of Skoda's longest serving UK dealers and has seen the Czech firm – now owned by Germany's VW – reborn as a champion of modern yet still affordable cars. The Sherlodge stand outside Marks and Spencer includes the all-new Fabia supermini, Roomster Scout mini-MPV (pictured) and family-size Octavia hatchback.



## **Happy Nissan New Year**

NISSAN dealers across Kent have started 2008 with a bang with cracking deals on top models, including the brand's big new hit – the Qashqai crossover model.

Part SUV (sports utility vehicle) and part family hatch, the Sunderland-built Qashqai is available in both front-wheel drive or 4x4 format and with engines to suit all needs and though Nissan has struggled to meet demand, it is offering a three-year zero per cent finance deal on the range and packages on other key models



**SMALL AND COMPACT:** The Mitsubishi iCar is marketed at the iPod generation who have a greener conscience and also signals things to come for car use in the future

# Mitsubishi's city baby poses an image problem

MITSUBISHI has an image dilemma.

Having hewn a niche as a supplier of rough tough 4x4s and the wannabe cowboys' pin-up, the L200 pick-up, it is fast becoming a champion of 'small is beautiful' too.

Following up on the excellent Colt supermini, the Japanese marque launched the futuristic iCar last year, but either underestimated demand, couldn't import enough or shied away from causing further confusion about its image.

Whatever the answer, the initial import of 300 iCars was snapped up and Mitsubishi plans to bring in 1,500 this year, though this still looks conservative.

Part of the problem is that it cannot meet home market demand for the iCar, fuelled by a name intended to appeal to the iPod generation and its greener conscience.

OK, it is expensive at £9,084 and not particularly great to drive, but the iCar moves four in comfort with decent headroom and baggage space and nips into tiny spaces, outdoing the smart fortwo city car where smaller dimensions are achieved at the cost of two seats.

## ROAD TEST MITSUBISHI ICAR

#### BY **STEVE LOADER**

STAR QUALITY

| Driving appeal | **** |
|----------------|------|
| Image          | **** |
| Space          | **** |
| Value          | **** |
| Running costs  | **** |
| Reliability    | **** |
| Green rating   | **** |

Like the smart, the iCar has a rear-mounted engine driving the rear wheels through an auto box, but a longer wheelbase makes it better at ironing out uneven roads.

The 0-62mph 'sprint' is not bad at 14.9 seconds, but the engine is raucous under pressure and the auto gearshifting ragged, although this can be smoothed using manual selection for 2nd and 3rd and also offers better control in tricky conditions.

Averaging 55mpg is also not that impressive – the excellent Fiat Panda is far better value, calls for fewer compromises and is not shamed by the iCar's consumption figure.

Other niggles need to be addressed, such as the fiddly dashboard immobiliser/alarm control and temperamental MP3 connection — a machine called the iCar had to be iPod compatible didn't it?

Nevertheless, the teardrop-shape iCar is a brave effort and signals things to come for car use; Mitsubishi plans a zero-emission electric version for 2009 with a 100-mile range and a 20-minute recharge to 80 per cent of full power — with Government subsidies, it could cost £12,765.



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| 06                       | 56                   | Corsa Design  | 1.2                       | 3                     | Star silver  | 6,200                             | £7,295                               |
| 107                      | 56                   | Corsa Sxi +   | 1.4                       | 3                     | Silver lightening                                  | 3,250                             | £7,795                               |
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| 06                       | 06                   | Vectra Exclusiv   | 1.8                       | 5                     | Black sapphire                                     | 14.900                            | £9,295                               |
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| 03                       | 53                   | Signum Elegance Auto  | 2.2                       | 5                     | Star silver  | 36,500                            | £7,995                               |
| 04                       | 04                   | Signum Elegance Auto  | 2.2                       | 5<br>5<br>5<br>5      | Silver   | 34,850                            | £8,695                               |
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|---|--|--|--|--|---|
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| 2001 Y* Zafira Comfort<br>2003 03* Zafira Club<br>2006 55 Zafira Design<br>2006 06 Zafira Design CDTi Auto<br><b>OTHER MAKES</b>  | 1.6<br>1.6<br>1.8<br>1.9D  | 5<br>5<br>5<br>5   | Star silver<br>Mirage<br>Star silver<br>Black sapphire   | 54400<br>65,650<br>26,300<br>16,890  | £4,795<br>£5,195<br>£10,495<br>£13,695  |
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| DUE SOON           2005         05         Corsa Energy           2007         56         Corsa Sxi           2007         07         New Corsa Design           2007         07         New Corsa Club CDTi A/c           2007         07         New Corsa Sxi CDTi A/c           2007         07         New Corsa Club Auto A/c           2003         03         Vectra Ls           2004         54         Astra Sxi           DEMONSTRATORS | 1.0<br>1.2<br>1.2<br>1.3D<br>1.3D<br>1.4<br>1.8<br>1.6<br>1.6                  | 5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5 | Flame red<br>Black sapphire<br>Black sapphire<br>Silver lightening<br>Star silver<br>Lancelot<br>Bamboo<br>Star silver<br>Flamer red | 13,000<br>15,000<br>TBA<br>TBA<br>TBA<br>TBA<br>46,000<br>17,000<br>34,000 | £5,695<br>£7,295<br>£9,495<br>£9,495<br>£10,495<br>£9,995<br>£5,195<br>£7,495<br>£7,995 |
| 2007 07 Vivaro<br>2007 07 Combo<br>2007 07 Astravan<br>2006 56 Movano   | 1.9 D<br>1.3CDTi<br>1.3 CDTi<br>2.5 CDTi                                       |  | White<br>White<br>White<br>Silver  | 9,400<br>13,600<br>Delivery<br>3,000                                       | £10,995+VAT<br>£7,995+VAT<br>£7,995+VAT<br>£14,350+VAT                                  |
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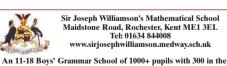
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Within a supportive work environment, you will receive excellent supervision and mentoring opportunities including the chance to attend relevant internal and external courses.

In addition to a DipSW or CQSW, you must have demonstrable post qualification experience of working with people affected by serious illness. You must be registered, or in the process of registering with the GSCC. A full driving licence is essential.

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For an informal discussion, please contact Ann McMurray, Social Work Manager, Palliative Care or Marilyn Russell, Senior Practitioner on 01634 830456.

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#### Lecturer Construction – Wood Occupations

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 per annum. Post Ref: 05/60/KOS

#### Lecturer Hairdressing

14.8 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum. Post Ref: 08/07/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

#### Administration

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#### Basic Skills (at Canterbury and Sheppey College)

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#### **Supported Learning**

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#### Caretaker

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,464 per annum. Post Ref: 04/03/KOS

#### **Supply Learning Support**

Various hours available, salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum. Please specify your area/s of expertise in your application form.

#### Beauty

Post Ref: SH/LS/KOS

#### Childcare

Post Ref: SH/LS/KOS

Supported Learning Post Ref: SH/LS/KOS

Leisure and Tourism Post Ref: SH/LS/KOS







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The closing date for the above posts is Friday 18 January 2008 at 12 noon.

#### Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Sports Hall and Gym at Canterbury Campus
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## Canterbury College

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#### Section Manager Equine, Animal Care and Veterinary Nursing

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum.

Post ref: 08/08/KOS

#### Temporary Train to Gain Manager

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum. Fixed term post for up to 18 months.

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#### Lecturer Motor Vehicle

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 per annum. Post Ref: 07/29/KOS

#### Lecturer Health & Social Care

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 pro rata per annum. Post Ref: 05/39/KOS

#### **Lecturer Beauty Therapy**

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 pro rata per annum. Post Ref: 08/05/KOS

#### Key Skills Lecturer - Travel & Tourism

22.2 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 pro rata per annum. Post Ref: 06/09/KOS

#### Lecturer History

9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum. Post Ref: 00/131/KOS

#### Lecturer Dyslexia/Dyscalculia

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 per annum.

#### Post Ref: 06/210/KOS

Lecturer Key Skills 18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 pro rata per annum. Post Ref: 08/10/KOS

#### Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

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#### Basic Skills (at Canterbury and Sheppey College)

Post Ref: S/BS/KOS

#### Floristry

Post Ref: S/FL/KOS

**Equine Studies** Post Ref: S/EQ

Health & Social Care

Post Ref: S/HSC/KOS

#### **Early Years**

Post Ref: S/EY/KOS

Health & Social Care (with a maternity nurse background)

Post Ref: S/MAT/KOS

#### HE Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

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#### **HND Music Technology**

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#### **HND Music Performance**

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#### Supply NVQ Assessor Health & Social Care

Various hours available. Salary range £17,640 - £25,294 pro rata per annum. Post Ref: S./NVQ/KOS



#### Senior Nursery Officer - Education and Curriculum

37 hrs per week. Salary starting from £16,284 per annum. Post Ref: 08/04/KOS

#### Curriculum Support Assistant Music

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 08/03/KOS

#### Curriculum Support Assistant – Beauty

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.

Post ref: 04/118/KOS

#### Learning Support - Independent Living & Leisure Skills 37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,284

pro rata per annum. One Year fixed term post Post Ref: 07/71/KOS

#### Resource Assistant/Placement Organiser

18.5 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum. Post Ref: RA17/KOS

#### Central Administrator

37 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 per annum. Post Ref: 06/157/KOS

#### Central Administrator

27 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum. Post Ref: 07/48/KOS



#### Supply Trainer Demonstrator Motor Vehicle

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#### CANTERBURY CAMPUS

**Computing Services** 

## Computer Liaison Officer (Two Posts)

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

Following a restructure of our Computing Services Department, we're seeking two additional experienced professionals to join the Computing Liaison Team. As part of this small team, you'll proactively develop the department's relationship with the faculties - you'll also identify the potential benefits of IT, help to establish business cases, and meet the needs of key stakeholders in this field.

Educated to degree level, you'll combine project management experience with the proven ability to enable the interaction of IT and business operation. It's also important that you are an excellent communicator who is comfortable liaising at all levels of our organisation. A specific background in IT support would be an advantage, as would experience of developing service level agreements. Ref: CLO/CS/77.

Interview date: 21 & 22 February 2008.

#### Web Systems Administrator/ Programmer

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum (A higher salary may be available for an exceptional candidate)

As part of our Infrastructure Group, you'll provide expert technical support and development across our IT infrastructure. You will take responsibility for a number of key web services - and make a real contribution to our strategic projects, including an integrated identity management system.

Along with experience of web application development technologies and IIS/Windows Server administration, you'll need good interpersonal skills, a flexible approach, and familiarity with internet protocols. Ideally, you will have a working knowledge of C#, .Net, SQL, and XHTML - as well as a strong understanding of web technologies such as ADO, AJAX, ASP, XML and CSS. Ref: WSA2/CS/77.

For an informal discussion on either of these vacancies, please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

Student Support & Guidance

#### Student Adviser (Dyslexia & Neuro-Diversity)

£22,332 to £24,403 per annum

You will be responsible for prospective and registered students with dyslexia and neuro-diverse conditions (such as dyspraxia and Asperger syndrome), ensuring that the University provides appropriate support for their needs.

We are seeking a team member to provide advice, guidance and information to students and to advise other University staff on appropriate, reasonable adjustments to enable access to the curriculum and all aspects of student life.

You will be educated to at least A level standard or equivalent and be able to demonstrate that you have broad experience of working in a supportive capacity with people with neuro-diverse conditions (in either an educational or voluntary sector setting). Further study or professional development in the field of dyslexia and/or neuro-diversity would be advantageous. Ref: SA/SSG/77.

**Library Services** 

## Faculty Liaison Librarian (Health & Social Care)

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic librarian to join the Academic Services team at a busy University Library. You will be responsible for sharing academic liaison for the Health & Social Care Faculty, and will contribute to the provision of a library service which is responsive to the needs of all students and staff.

A qualified librarian, you should have previous professional library experience, ideally within the university sector. Excellent presentation and communication skills, along with a good working knowledge of information resources, are essential. You must have a commitment to continued professional development and be able to work independently, as well as part of a team. Ref: FLL2/LS/77.

Sport Science, Tourism and Leisure

#### Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Sport and Exercise Science (Biomechanics)

£26,666 to £40,335 per annum

Applications are invited for a full-time post of Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Sport and Exercise Science to teach Biomechanics on a range of undergraduate programmes as well as contributing to the Department's expanding research programme. Applicants who can also contribute to other areas of sport and exercise science including research methods will be particularly welcome.

Applicants should possess a relevant first and/or higher degree and ideally should also possess a research degree and BASES accreditation. Ref: BIO/SSTL/77.

Informal enquiries to the Head of Department, Dr Chris Bull on 01227 782334.

The starting date is 1 April 2008 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Campus Services

#### **Security Porter**

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum

You will be responsible for maintaining the general security of the University premises including residential and office accommodation, maintaining CCTV surveillance, setting intruder and fire alarms and reacting to breaches of security. There will be some receptionist and switchboard duties particularly at nights and weekends.

You will have previous security related experience preferably within an educational establishment or similar, be of smart appearance with demonstrable interpersonal skills. You will have excellent communication skills and be able to use the telephone and e-mail systems. A relevant SIA licence will be an advantage.

Shift allocations and duties are variable and flexibility is required. There will be both day and night shift working at any one of our sites although this post will be predominantly a night shift post and you must recognise this as part of the role. Ref: SP4/CAM/77.

**Accommodation Office** 

### Security Caretaker (20 hours)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata

The University has a wide range of student accommodation housing some 1,500 students in either self-catering flats or in catered halls spread over different sites, both on and off campus. During vacations they are also available for conferences and commercial letting.

You will be an integral part of a small team which helps to secure and maintain the student living environment at the University Halls of Residence sites.

With a background in caretaking/security in the public sector you will be able to deliver an excellent level of customer service, possess good communication and interpersonal skills and have a 'can do' approach to minor repairs, maintenance and general duties.

The hours of work will be Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. Ref: SC2/ACC/77.

#### Night Warden (Two Posts)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum

The University has a wide range of student accommodation housing some 1,500 students in either self-catering flats or in catered halls. The accommodation is spread over different sites, both on and off campus in Canterbury and during vacations they are available for conferences and commercial letting.

Reporting to the Accommodation Services Manager you will help to secure and maintain the student living environment on the University Halls of Residence sites working a varied shift roster any 5 days out of 7, mainly night shifts. The successful applicant, will nevertheless, need to be flexible and with due notice (usually a month's notice of change) accept shift changes readily.

With a background in caretaking/security in the public sector you will be able to deliver as part of a central security team an excellent level of customer service to students, staff and visitors to the University. You will also have good communication and interpersonal skills. Ref: NW1/ACC/77.

**Campus Catering Services** 

#### **Executive Head Chef**

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

Working with the Front of House and Catering Systems Manager this is a key managerial post to move the catering service forward.

With at least NVQ Level 2/3 in Food Preparation and Cooking you will have worked in an institutional catering environment at Head Chef level. You will also be in possession of a current Intermediate Food Hygiene Certificate and have been actively involved (preferably led) the introduction of HACCP into a food production kitchen.

You should be conscientious with flair and creativity and be keen to lead an excellent culinary team towards continuing success. Proven leadership skills, financial acumen, communication skills and flair, imagination and enthusiasm for food are essential as is the ability to work in a very busy environment. Ideally you will have experience of working in Higher Education. Ref: EHC1/CAT/77.

Department of Childhood Studies (Location to be confirmed)

## Lecturer/Senior Lecturer - Physical Education

£27,466 to £40,335 per annum

You will be a dynamic member of staff working with the existing Physical Education team at an exciting time, when new initiatives are being designed and implemented. You will teach across a range of programmes, including the BA/BSc Physical Education and Sport & Exercise Science, and also will make significant contributions to the ongoing development of Physical Education at the University

You will have a Masters degree (or a commitment to undertake one) and be familiar with current national and international developments and issues in the field of Physical Education. Experience of, or research interest in Inclusion and/or social and cultural aspects of Physical Education are desirable. Ref: LSL9/CHS/77.

Informal enquiries to the Programme Director Paul Carney on 01227 782877 or paul.carney@canterbury.ac.uk

Department of Educational Research & NICER

## Research Fellow in Early Years (Fixed Term for 2 years)

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

Attached to an early years project on character and values education, you will carry out fieldwork, be responsible for analysis and literature reviews and contribute to the writing of reports and materials for a new project beginning in the Autumn Term 2007.

You will be enthusiastic and committed, contributing towards a dynamic and ambitious group of researchers and practitioners. Your subject background will be less important than strong generic research skills, the ability to deliver work of the highest quality and to work as part of a team. Ref: RF1/TEM/77.

For an information discussion, please contact Professor James Arthur on 01227 782277.

Office of The Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)

#### **Academic Registrar**

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We are seeking to appoint an outstanding individual to the post of Academic Registrar. This is a senior position offering an exciting opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction and management of several important dimensions of student administration within the university.

Reporting to the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic), your responsibilities will involve leadership of a range of central Registry functions including: management of the central record system (QLS); management of the timetabling and rooming function and system (Syllabus+); student registration; invoicing of tuition fees in liaison with the Student Loans Company (SLC); administration of examinations and processing of student results; management and organisation of graduation and award ceremonies; statistical reporting for internal and external purposes such as required by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA).

You will be qualified to degree level or equivalent, preferably to higher degree or doctorate level. You will have extensive, senior and relevant experience, including managing a mainframe database, managing staff and budgets, preferably within a Higher Education environment. Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills are essential. Ref: ACA/APA/77.

#### MEDWAY CAMPUS

Allied Health Professions

## Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy (0.5fte)

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata

We are looking for an HPC-registered Speech and Language Therapist to join the enthusiastic SLT team supporting the Post Graduate Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy delivered jointly with University of Greenwich.

You will have expertise in working with adults with communication disorders, and although not essential, you may also have an interest in voice, applied linguistics, adult learning disabilities, or hearing impairment. You will develop this as a key role with existing colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University and University of Greenwich. You will hold a relevant degree and be interested in extending your professional profile. Ref: SLT1/AHP/77.

For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk Closing date: 1 February 2008.

#### SALOMONS' CAMPUS, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

**Computing Services** 

#### **Campus Support Lead**

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

As part of our User Technology team, you'll provide essential support to a wide range of users - resolving any problems they are experiencing with hardware, software, networking and AV. While based at the Salomons campus, you will on occasion need to travel to other campuses across Kent.

Having previously worked in a Computing Support environment, you must be an experienced IT professional with plenty of initiative. Self-motivation and flexibility are essential in this role, along with good communication skills at all levels. Ref: CSL/CS/77.

For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference. No agencies.

Closing date unless stated: 25 January 2008.

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This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in the development of Playing for Success (PfS) in Kent. We are in a position to extend the project and will, therefore, be looking to make the following appointments.

#### **Centre Managers**

Soulbury 5 - 8 £34,620 - £37,794 pa Margate Football Club - Ref: CFE/o7/o478 From April 2008

Kent County Cricket Club, Canterbury -Ref: CFE/07/0479

From September 2008 **Buckmore Park Karting Circuit, Maidstone -**Ref: CFE/07/0481

From April 2008 This is an exciting opportunity to lead one of our innovative Study

Support Centre's which is part of the DCSF PfS initiative. Working in partnership with the Club, you will play an influential role in the LA's development of out-of-school hours learning.

The Centre's are based in purpose built, fully equipped classrooms and will offer an exciting and challenging environment where young people in Key Stages 2/3 participate in out-of-school hours learning.

You will be responsible for planning, managing and delivering a programme of out-of-school hours learning to raise levels of achievement (literacy, numeracy and ICT) and to increase young people's motivation to learn. Close links with local schools, the Club, partners and the wider community will need to be established

As a qualified teacher with experience of curriculum development in literacy/numeracy/ICT, you should also have experience of education management and ideally, of working with young people outside the classroom. An interest in sport would be desirable.

#### Assistant Centre Manager

Soulbury 1-3 £30,423 - £32,541 pa Countywide - Ref: CFE/o7/o48o From September 2008

Working in partnership with all the Managers, you will play an influential role in the future development of the Centres. You will need to be a teacher with experience of curriculum development in literacy/numeracy/ICT.

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

Closing date: midday, 23 January 2008. Interview date: w/c 11 February 2008.

#### **Business Development Managers**

**Kent Adult Education Service** 

Starting salary £29,190, with progression through contribution related pay to £34,507 per annum

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### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

## Marketing team is hand-picked for success

THE company running one of Kent's most prestigious hotels has landed a top accolade at national marketing awards.

Hand Picked Hotels, which runs Chilston Park Hotel in Lenham, won the award for best marketing activity on a small budget at the Hotel Marketing Association's 14th annual marketing awards at the Intercontinental Hotel in Park Lane.

The award was for a marketing drive for the company's 14 country house hotels – including Chilston Park, a 17th-century manor house set in 23 acres of countryside.

The team responsible for the winning campaign received an all-expenses paid luxury house party'.

## Keep your eyes open to ensure safety at work

THE Health and Safety Executive has published guidance to prevent danger from portable electrical equipment in low-risk premises.

It reveals that for most offices visual checks of computers, printers and faxes for obvious signs of damage and simple tests by competent members of staff are sufficient to comply with the law.

By law, companies do not need to keep a record of checks, but doing so can give useful information when faults do arise.

## Investor expands by buying landmark hotel

A LANDMARK hotel has been bought by a property investment group as part of its expansion plans in Kent.

GSE Cheriton Parc Limited, based in Ashford, has acquired Hythe Imperial Hotel with a funding package from The Royal Bank of Scotland. The 100-room hotel, which has sea

The 100-room hotel, which has sea views, gardens, a spa, a golf course and conference facilities, will be run by Accor Hotels UK through its Mercure brand.

GSE Cheriton Parc Limited is the property investment arm of GSE Group Limited, whose main activities are building and civil engineering.

## Advice is advised

PRIVATE businesses squeezed by growing red tape and health and safety issues are turning more and more to an independent group which advises and fights for them.

The national Forum of Private Business (FPB) – contacted regularly by Kent-based firms – is funded by members and offers a range of products and services aimed at saving money and providing practical help with all aspects of running a small business.

Ian Cox, of RS Piper Ltd, a Folkestone company making engineering components and exhaust systems, said he had used the FPB's legal helpline regularly.

"So often, when you go to see a lawyer, you end up no better off. We've used the FPB's legal helpline three times in the last six months for advice on employment law and other legal issues and we got results."

Phil McCabe, FPB's media officer, said advisers can offer practical information to owner-managers of member firms faced with staff disputes, who often feel they have nowhere else to turn for legal information.

Members can now also take advantage of the FPB's new employment guide to help them negotiate complexities of employment law.

FPB's senior member services representative, Philip Moody, said it could also help firms cope with changes in the workplace, which often unsettled workers.

He said: "I would urge them to call the helpline whenever they make any changes in the workplace, rather than leaving it until there is a problem with staff. The sooner assistance can be given to ward off potential disputes, the better."

Over the last month there was a sharp increase in the number of enquiries regarding actual or prospective redundancies, with 16 per cent of all callers seeking help, but about a third of all calls related to employee conduct.

Employee absence, including unauthorised absence, remains a problem for small businesses. About 19 per cent of all the calls received in December were related to difficulties created by members of staff not turning up for work.

FPB was formed in 1977 and represents



approximately 25,000 UK-based businesses, which in turn employ more than 600,000 people.

To contact FPB, phone 01565 626019, or visit www.fpb.org.

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## **Bourne far too** strong for Erith

SITTINGBOURNE RFC started the year in superb style with a 29-5 win away at Erith.

The win at the weekend against basement side Erith means that Sittingbourne are still in the hunt at the top of Kent 1 and will see this as a platform to go on a winning run that could see them challenge leaders Old Gravesendians.

Bourne are six points behind the table toppers, but still have a game in hand.

They are without a game at the weekend, but will be looking for revenge in their next fixture against Old Olavians at The Grove next Saturday, after they beat them 27-5 in November.

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Gillis boss Mark Stimson talks about his top targets in the transfer window

## **Old Boys get fired** up for Burnt Ash

OLD Bordenians start their 2008 hockey campaign with a clash at home to Burnt

The Old Boys mens' 1st XI are sitting mid table in the Kent/Sussex Regional League and will be hoping for a strong start to the second half of the campaign, but face a tough task to catch Ashford who are running away with the title.

Goals conceded have caused problem for them this season, so they will be looking for their defence to start strongly on Saturday as they play the league's basement side. Push back is at Borden Grammar School at 1.30pm.
The ladies' 1st XI restart their cam-

paign until the following weekend when they come up against Canterbury 3rd XI in a home fixture at the Sittingbourne school. The side are top of Kent Ladies Division Two with a massive 11-point lead over second-placed Bromley and Beckenham. Push back is at 10.30am.



IMPROVED DISPLAY: Faversham co-managers Jimmy Strouts and Justin Luchford kept faith with defender Wes Hammond but it wasn't enough to keep Faversham in the Kent Senior Trophy

## Extra-time double puts end to Town trophy run

TWO goals in extra-time denied the Lilywhites a place in the semi-finals of the Kent Senior Trophy after dominating much of the game.

Town held Beckenham to a scoreless draw after 90 minutes, but were undone by a couple of minutes of madness at the back which scuppered all their side's hard work.

The game was a stark contrast to a few weeks ago when Justin Luchford and Jimmy Strouts arrived to take over at Salters Lane when the club were low in confidence and conceded goals on a regular basis.

To be fair, under Luchford and Strouts control, the side have still leaked goals, but over the course of the last month things appear to be going in the right direction and there is cause for optimism at the Lane.

The managers decided to keep faith with Wes Hammond in defence and gave debuts to Mike McKenna, Dean Yorath and Gavin Wright.

The result after 90 minutes would have

## **FOOTBALL**

BY **GLENN PEARSON** 

#### Faversham Town O Beckenham Town 2

earned Town a valuable point yesterday - if it had been a league game - but it wasn't and after seven minutes of extra-time they were 2-0 down and out the contest.

It was hard luck on a Town side that has learned to be more resolute and with the hard working Shane Hamshore, Strouts and Tom Hickman in front of the defence, they have a bit of strength about them.

The home side played well in the first half without creating any clear cut chances and it was third-placed Beckenham who could have gone ahead in the 33rd minute when new Town defender Yorath was lucky to not concede a

In the second half, the away side had a chance to take the lead when Joe Healy was well placed, but he could not keep his header down and it sailed over the bar.

In the 85th minute, Karl Barron missed a golden opportunity to win the game for his side. He took advantage of a poor back pass to race clear, but rather than taking the ball round the goalkeeper, he chose to shoot first time and his effort went just wide.

In extra-time, Beckenham made Town pay with a good effort from Tommy Youle and a penalty from Joe Healy after new keeper Wright was sent off for pulling him down in the

Luchford said after the game: "For 90 minutes I was delighted with the performance against arguably one of the best sides in this division.

"We have given a couple of debuts to players and had to change the system, but we have gone out there and matched them all over the pitch. We created chances and I felt we could and should have won it.

"We have to take the positives out the game as we played well, but we made two big mistakes in extra-time and they cost us."

**ON TARGET:** Norton winger Rob Welling gave his side the lead against rivals Milton

## Norton cruise to cup w

TABLE toppers Norton Sports progressed to the quarter-final of the Inter Regional Cup with a comfortable win over local rivals Milton on Saturday.

It was the second clash of the two sides after Norton soundly beat their Swale rivals 6-0 in the British Energy County Premier Division in November.

Norton started the brighter and only alert keeping from Darren Noakes in the Milton goal prevented the home side from taking an early lead.

However, the Milton defence could not hold out for long, when after ten minutes, winger Rob Welling shot the home side ahead.

After 25 minutes the lead was doubled when Jack Goodger lobbed the

#### **Norton Sports 4 Milton Athletic 1**

keeper who had tried to clear on the edge of the box.

To their credit, Sittingbourne side Milton kept plugging away and for the remainder of the half, and start of the second period, they had the upper hand and dominated much of the play.

They were unable to make their early dominance count and paid the ultimate penalty on the hour as Lewis Rivette sealed the tie with a simple tap in before Harry Goodger kept up his record of scoring in each of his last six games. His stunning 25-yard effort ensured his side would be in the hat for the next round of

Milton continued to battle and make a contest of the game and were duly rewarded for their efforts, when on 90 minutes they were awarded a penalty that was confidently struck home.

Norton continue their league campaign on Saturday with a tough fixture against Hollands & Blair. Kick-off at the Sports Ground is at 2pm.

January is an important month for Ben Taylor's side, with home games against teams sitting mid-table. Norton play seventh-placed Snodland before entertaining Bearsted, who are in tenth. Three wins this month could see Norton wrap up the title.

# Brickies saved by a touch of Spice

### **FOOTBALL**

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#### **Burgess Hill Town O Sittingbourne 1**

A BRADLEY Spice penalty secured Sittingbourne all three points at Burgess Hill, extending the Brickies' unbeaten run to five games.

The run, which comprises four wins and a draw, keeps Sittingbourne in eighth place in Ryman Division One South, but Gary Abbott's side are now only three points off the play-offs.

Abbott gave a debut to new signing Bryan Glover from Fisher Athletic, and Chris Lewington returned in goal, while Sabeur Trabelsi was suspended after being sent off in the game against Ashford Town.

Spice came in for him, while assistant boss Richard Brady was on the substitutes' bench after recovering from an injury.

The Brickies started the game well and after

The Brickies started the game well and after 19 minutes they took the lead. Hicham Akhazzan earned his side a penalty after being brought down in the area and Spice stepped up to take a perfect spot kick to put the Brickies a goal up.

After half-time, Lewington was much the busier of the two goalkeepers and had to make a number of good saves to protect his side's advantage, his efforts going some way to earning Sittingbourne a valuable three points.

Assistant boss Brady has been delighted

Assistant boss Brady has been delighted with the side's new recruits and feels a play-off place is now a distinct possibility.

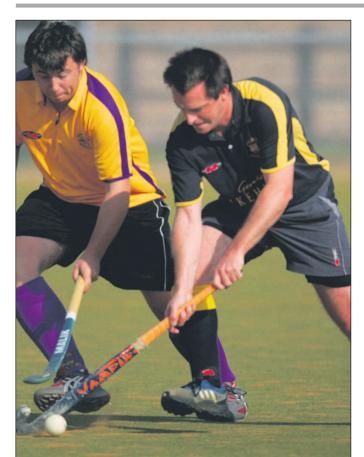
He said: "I think things are going in the right direction. We have not been able to work with them as much as we would have wanted but in the New Year we will be going into training sessions looking to work on patterns of play

"We have got the right sort of player that wants to ask us questions and is willing to learn and improve and if you have players like that then there is only one way this club will go.

"We are looking for the play-offs this season and then on from there."



**PLAY-OFF HOPES:** Brickies boss Gary Abbott will be rubbing his hands with glee after seeing his side extend their unbeaten run which takes them within three points of the play-offs



IN WITH A CHANCE: Gore Court will need to go on an a good run to catch Banbury

# Court aiming for promotion push

GORE Court will step up their efforts for promotion from Southern Premier League Division Two when they entertain BBHC on Saturday.

Court's men's 1st XI resume their campaign after the festive break and will look to continue their impressive form this season that has seen them climb to third place in the league.

After eight wins, a draw and only two defeats in the first half of the season, Court can now push on and close down the three point gap on leaders Banbury.

The league leaders have lost only one game so far this campaign, but Court will be looking at that fixture at the beginning of February as a match that could define their season.

They narrowly lost the home fixture 2-1 in October, but some good results in January would give them confidence going into the game.

They start the month with BBHC at

#### HOCKEY

the Westlands School who are third from bottom with only two wins to their name so far this campaign.

That is followed by a trip to sixthplaced Winchester before a tough encounter with Tulse Hill & Dulwich who stole a point from Banbury just before the Christmas break.

Push back at the Westlands School on Saturday is at 1.30pm.

Court's ladies' 1st XI are away to Maidstone in the first of their fixtures after the break. They are fourth from bottom in East Women's League Division Two South and will be looking to improve their form and results in an attempt to climb up the division in the second half of the season.

Maidstone are a place below them in the league, but only two points behind. Push back is at 12pm.

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## **SPORT** IN BRIEF

## Bourne reserves move off bottom after win

SITTINGBOURNE reserves secured a valuable 3-0 win away at Hythe Town to edge away from the bottom of Kent League Division Two.

The win puts them in tenth place in the league and means they leapfrog their opponents who have dropped down a place.

On Saturday, the reserves face a tough game away to VCD Athletic who are fifth in the division and whose first team are seven points clear in the Premier Division.

Kick-off is at 3pm.

## Sheppey look to bounce back after cup defeat

AFC Sheppey slumped out of the Interregional Challenge Cup after a 3-1 defeat away to Staplehurst & Monarchs United.

The defeat to their fellow British Energy Division One East rivals, was at the expense of a semi-final spot in the cup.

Jamie Allen's side are next in action on Saturday in the Senior Les Leckie Cup against Larkfield.

Sheppey entertain New Romney at home next weekend and will look to build on their good league form and put pressure on leaders Bly Spartans.

## Town reserves unlucky against league leaders

FAVERSHAM Town reserves went down to a single goal against runaway leaders Dover Athletic at the weekend.

Kevin Sims' side have won five and lost seven games this season and as a result, sit seventh in Kent League Division Two.

Town put in a resolute performance at high-flying Dover, who are six points ahead of the chasing pack in the league, but were undone by a solitary goal.

The reserves take on Ashford Town at home on Saturday, kick-off at 3pm.

## Struggling Sheppey fail to cash in against HSBC

SHEPPEY RFC started the year in the worst possible fashion with a disappointing 26-13 defeat away to HSBC.

It was their fourth defeat in Kent 2 this season and sees them drop to sixth in the league after the teams around them at the top all won at the weekend.

The islanders are back in league action on

The islanders are back in league action on Saturday, January 19, when they take on Brockleians at The Ditch.

A win could see Sheppey climb back up to third spot.





Ebbsfleet manager Liam Daish talks about the need for video technology and the website takeover



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